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Uganda mass killings and torture reported by jurists

ternational Commission of Jurists is that at least 80,000 to 90,000 ople were murdered in Uganda ring the first two years of be esident Amin's rule and that lings are still taking place. The port also suggests that there is

report published today by the more evidence of the President's personal responsibility for many of the murders. President Amin said again yesterday that he was still determined to come to Britain. If he does, he will face a writ over the death of Mrs Dora Bloch after the

Evidence of Amin responsibility

omatic Correspondent horrifying account of murand massacre in Uganda is in in a lengthy report to the ed Nations published today te International Commission

though the commission does find it possible to make a ble estimate of the number d, the report says that two President Amin's former sters agree that the death in the first two years of rule—1971 and 1972—was een 80,000 and 90,000. the worldwide publicity n to the atrocities occurring. Jgrada, the scale of the sviolations of human rights ganda has to some extent nished", the report says. Nevertheless, arbitrary kill-

rorrures, disappearances other gross violations still inue on a substantial scale. victims in the past two certainly number hun-and possibly thousands." lso notes that members of own family have not

One of the main units. onsible for the killings, the e Research Department, is ctly under the President's rol. In some cases killings alleged to have occurred ensured that no progress was cily upon his orders; in made. The commission decided recess, he took no action merely to keep the matter of an violations or bring these

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attention, as in the case of the forest massacres and murders early in 1974." Whereas many of the atrocities in the early years occurred strengthen the British Government open operate more discreetly, the ICI report says. "As these occurrences are usually known of the property of the ICI report says. "As these occurrences are usually known of the relatives and friends, they have tended to atract less international publicity. Nevertheless, many eyewitness statements about them (some included in the report) are available, and these often corroborate each other."

Guestion, but it will certainly strengthen the British Government's hand in its campaign to win support from Commonwealth countries in London next month.

After recent soundings at official, level, it is quite clear that all Commonwealth countries—African members included—are opposed to President Amin coming here. They Whereas many of the atroci-

The report adds that there is and has been considerable discontent over the killings within the Army as well as the general public. But the police force, which has generally not been involved in the killings, is an important force, the report says, afraid of the Army and specialized units, and bereft of normal authority within the,

rule of law. In an introduction Mr Niall s certainly number huns and possibly thousands."
In an introduction Mr Niall MacDermot, the ICJ secretaryite report, entitled Uganda general, describes further dewellopments in Uganda since wellopments in Uganda since wellopments in Uganda since April, 1976, which show that the bloodshed is continuing.
Although the British Governiso notes that members of ment asked the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to support an independent investigation into the deaths in February this year of Arch-bishop Luwini and two Ugan-dan ministers, delaying factics by President Amin's supporters

have some effect on the Human Rights Commission is an open question but it will certainly strengthen the British Govern

dent Amin coming here. They can be expected to support the British Government if it is forced, as a last resort, to bar the President, but they do not want to become embroiled in a public row,

A warning that even if President Amin were to leave the political scene in Uganda conditions there would not necessarily improve was given yesterday by a specialist in Commonwealth affairs.

The Ugandan regime would not change in character, Dr Michael Twaddle of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies told the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. unless the forces replacing President Amin were quite different from him, possibly com-ing from outside the country. He said that the ubiquitous nature of the violence in Uganda showed that local commanders were a law unto

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themselves. merely to keep the matter of human rights in Uganda "under the to justice when the review, as Mr MacDermot were brought to his notes without comment. President --- Writ is issued over

A writ was issued yesterday against President Amin over the death of Mrs Dora Bloch esident Amin of Uganda: who was killed after the rescon y declared that he would of the other hijack victims at in the writ that his mother's Entebbe. The writ, for civil death was caused "by the damages, could be served on the begingence or deliberate act or of the other hijack victims at I to Britain for the Comwealth conference next h regardless of any British Ugandan leader if he arrives in did not care whether he Britain for the Commonwealth

hat he would say there. It' also names a second d be a "bombshell to the defendant Major Farik Minawa, sh". He would detail 2,000 of the State Research Bureau. of the State Research Bureau. Kampala, who, according to Mr Greville Janner, Labone MP for West Leicester, murdered Mrs

death of Mrs Bloch The plaintiff is Mr Ikan Harruv, aged 50, Mrs Bloch's eldest son, who lives in Jerusa-lem and who was travelling acts of the defendants, their

servants or agents". Britain for the Commonwealth conference dext month.

It also names a second Commonwealth country, would defendant Major Farik Minawa, have sovereign immunity, but was entitled to waive that immunity "If he maintains that he is innocent of the death of Mrs Bloch, then he should be MI was the main event of the prepared to present himself at afternoon.

the bar of British justice."

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Over 100,000 acclaim the Queen in Glasgow More than 100,000 Glaswegians welcomed the Queen to

extended by 10 minutes because

There was no hint of the pos-

However, the devolution con-

The congregation, of all denominations, heard him deliver a warning against Scotland's becoming a separate

He said: "Shrill ideas are current of an irrational and romantic sort which feed upon the mistakes of an overcentralized government and foster bitterness and separatism

"We have failed to cope with the divisions that arise from the

Dr Torrance said that under one consecrated earthly sovereign in these islands the unity and ordered freedom of the people rested. He added:
"This does not mean some sterile uniformity, but rather such a multiform federated unity that the distinctive traditions of every part of our country may contribute to the deeper constitutional unity of an undivided kinedom and an undivided kingdom and people".

In the peoples' rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for their beloved Queen they should renew their commitment to

The royal couple's crowded day began when they arrived on the new royal train at Glasgow Central station. From there they rode in the open

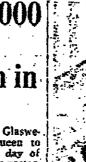
along the route, the police man-ning only road junctions.

On her way from the cathed-tal to a civic lunch, given by Mr David Rodge, the Lord Pro-

Before the royal party urrived the crowd sang "Flower of Scotland", a tradiarrived tional song which has become an unofficial Scottish national anthem and which was played by the band of the Royal High-land Pusiliers. The crowd also loined in singing the National

A visit to Hampden Park to see the first balf of a charity match between a Glasgow XI and an English Football League

-Photograph, page 2



their city on the first day of her Scouish jubilee tour yester-day and more than 60,000 crowded into George Square, in the city centre, where the Queen's walkabout had to be of the tumultuous welcome.

sible political protests about the royal visit after the Queen's recent speech, which was interpreted by some Scottish nationalists as anti-devolutionist.

However, the devolution con-troversy was brought to the sur-face by Dr Thomas Torrance, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scot-land, when he preached at a national service of thanksgiving in Glasgow Cathedral.

by placing a narrow-minded outlook over the common good of us all.

tyranny of an elected majority in Northern Ireland. But by transferring the divine right of an absolute monarch to our diving right of an absolute par-liament, we remain trapped in the tyrannous toils of an elected minority, menacing our freedom and unity."

Scornish state coach, escorted by the Household Cavalry, in a procession to the cathedral.

At the Queen's request security was at a minimum all

informal walk among the 60,000 people crowded into George



Robert Matthews, who retires from the force next week after 16 years on duty outside 10 Downing Street, photo-

Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after being presented with a camera and an original cartoon yesterday.

The camera, the gift of Fleet Street photographers, was presented by the Prime Minister. Mr Matthews is to

Mr Healey outlines role of North Sea oil in expanding economy

By Maicolm Brown Mr Healey, the Chancellor, said last night that North Sea

oil would enable the economy to be run at a higher level of activity and employment than had been achieved recently, without running into balance of payments constraints. Misuse of the oil could prove a curse rather than a blessing, and even properly utilized it would not in itself solve Britain's problems. But it would enable us to solve them with less painful and less sudden adjustments than would sthematically been been required.

otherwise bave been required. Mr Healey, who was speaking in London at the annual dinner of the Confederation of British Industry, stressed that the ben-efits of North Sea oil must not be used for a short-lived con-sumer boom. None the less the assurance of steadily expand-ing demand over a number of

constrained, and towards raising the competitive performance of manufacturing industry as a

Britain's oil resources gave it time in which to repair the deterioration of its manufac-turning base over the past 30 years. It enabled us to earn our living in the world without resorting to devices which, however necessary in the short run, could not offer the basis for a long-term strategy for economic

On pay Mr Healey warned employers that as Britain moved into a period of greater flexibility there would be a heavy responsibility on them to see that this flexibility was not "In the autumn of 1971 some

employers-including I am sorry

be used for a short-lived consumer boom. None the less the assurance of steadily expanding demand over a number of years would help to provide the conditions for expanding industrial investment.

"We must see that this investment is directed towards relieving production bottle-necks" in key sectors of the economy so that in future our rate of growth is less supply to say some in the financial sector—contributed to the start of a wages explosion by giving large increases for reasons which seemed good to them, like the carrying out of restructurings they had in mind in 1972 or the restoration of differentials built on the higher percentage increases which had been given to the lower paid."

Looking to the start of a wages explosion by giving large increases for reasons which seemed good to them, like the carrying out of restructurings they had in mind in 1972 or the restoration of differentials built on the higher percentage increases which had been given to the lower paid." to say some in the financial sec-

that he agreed with the CBI that the objective should be to emulate the more effective pay bargaining systems of countries such as Scandinavia, Germany

"But if such an approach to-wards pay determination is to succeed, it must be allied, as it has been in those countries, with social justice, steadily improving living standards and high levels of employment." None of these goals could be achieved unless Britain im-

proved the competitiveness of its manufacturing industry by steadily depreciating currency, nor a prolonged suspen-sion of normal collective sion of bargaining.

"This Government has the satisfaction of knowing that in the economic field the tide has already turned", Mr Healey

The balance of payments was moving into surplus more rapidly than the Government had expected and public spending was under tighter control than had seemed likely. Be-cause of this the financial posi-tion of the country had been "transformed".

White Paper urges new controls on rail cash

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Hopes of more state support for the railways, strongly urged by British Rail and the railway unions in recent months, will be dashed by the White Paper on transport policy, which is due out next month.

Instead, financial control over railway expenditure is expected to be tightened in accordance with disciplines imposed by the likely economic situation over the next few years and their implications for nationalized industries generally.

The White Paper, originally due for publication next week but now postponed until mid-June because of larger Cabinet preoccupations and printing difficulties; will nevertheless take a strongly positive line on the future of the railways, pro-vided the board and unions put their house in order. Indeed, on the prospects for rail freight it takes a more bullish view than the board does.

The paper will not propose further closure of rural lines, but the low cost-benefit of some vices will be clearly explained, as will the financial drain they impose on possibly more worthwhile expenditure for British Rail and the regional communities concerned.

Rural transport generally is expected to receive positive and new ideas from the Government and further relaxation of the licensing system to encourage initiatives within the community.

BBC's court action over cup final

By Michael Horsaell

The BBC will seek a High Court injunction today to stop industrial action now threaten-ing the television transmission of the FA Cup Final on Satur-

the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs (ABS), which has threatened to prevent satellite transmission of the game to South Africa, failed to give an assurance to the BEC that it would not take industrial action.

The BBC said last night: "The injunction would be to restrain the association taking

industrial action in pursuance difficulty of stopping satellite of a political aim. There has coverage might also mean that been no assurance and time is getting short."

the beaming of the match by satellite would also affect Australia, New Zealand, Hongkong, Malaysia and the Middle East Mr Anthony Hearn, general secretary of the ABS, is ex-pected to attend the High Court hearing this morning to oppose the BBC's move on the ground that an order to employees to carry out duties contrary to national and international policy justifies a union dispute.

The ABS said the technical

viewers in the United Kingdom would be unable to see the match. The ABS threat to prevent That was denied by the BEC.

which added that there was no possibility that the match might nut be screened in Britain. The dispute has not spread to independent television, which also provides coverage of the Last year 17 million people watched the Cup Final on BBC

television in the United Kingdom. The estimated figure for the world was 400 million.

There will be help for the National Bus Company, whose role as provider of most pro-vincial and rural services the White Paper will emphasize. Taxes on heavy lorries will be ruised again.

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e great father figures of in agreement with him.
ime. But what with Mr With Mr Foot grinning
McCaffrey and Mr Perer beside him like a naughty on Monday, and Mr ael Foot and the judges day, his survival kit is given a testing time. h the Tories stirring up in the Commons, the

Minister came to the de-of Labour's deputy leader his remarks at the week-hat if the rights and freeof the people, especially unionists, had been y dependent on judges we have few-freedoms left Foot's remarks to the

Office Workers, Mr than said, were part of a rical exegesis. Then, hackles rising all around House, he went on kly, I do not think he tar enough. _ Winston

ting Sir Winston hill, Mr Collaghan added he words the Leader of Iouse should have used that "the trade unionists:

are enmeshed, harassed, worried amentary Correspondent, and checked at every step and minster turn by all kinds of legal only Mr Callaghan could decisions. If only Mr Foot had rotected from his friends used those words of Sir, elations he might well pro-into ripe old age as one said, he might have been more the great father figures of in agreement with him.

> schoolboy who has somehow persuaded the headmaster of his injured innocence, and with Labour MPs shouting remarks implying that, whatever the intentions of the Lord President, their distrust of judges was not restricted to the last century, Mr Callaghan added that he was not aware of any _criticism of the judiciary: Mrs Thatcher leapt imo the fray like Boadicea. Mr Foot's "totally disgraceful" remark went farther than the trad unions, she shouted, and should be wholly repudiated. Mr Callaghan, in the tone of

one driven by desperation to descend from the lottiest pinnacle to battle with mere mortals, thundered that as a man who had been a trade within the lotties of the lotties unionist all his life he was satisfied that Mr Foot was referring to the attitude of judges in the

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arp price increases on and chocolates

igh Clayton up auction prices in

oke Boud said vesterday ts third price rise of the yould take place on Monter clearance by the Price- to £1.28.

1970 and had not risen sharply op price rises on tea and until last year. The auction price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price a year ago was less toan to the price ago was less to the price ago was than three times as much tuating at more than £1 a pound year ago because rising after rising almost to £1.50, id in many committees has Cadbury would not say if it was about to change the price of its Typheo tea, but said that it was to charge more for boxes of chocolates. A pound box of Milk Tray will go from 11.14

Asked if Cudbury intended to ission. A 41b packet of Asked if Cadbury intended to pips would increase from charge more for bars of chocoo 321p, compared with late, a representative said. Asked chocolate prices have to reflect in August last year. chocolate prices have to reflect company said prices had cocoa bean prices they are connange between 1957 and stantly under review.

Review of army undercover work in Ulster

A reappraisal of many undercover intelligence operations by the Army in Ulster is ingence operations by the Army in Uniter is, thought to be under way after the kid-napping and suspected torture and minder of Captain Robert Nairac, Senior officers are thought to be concerned about information that may have been extracted from him by the Provisional IRA. A search for his body was being centred on a quarry in south Armagh:

Page 2 in south Armagh. Page. 2

Britain could save £1.000m by 1990s

Britain takes too little notice of population changes when planning social services, a report by the Government's think tank says: today. If Britain used population projections properly, the Central Policy Review Staff says, it could save up to £1,000m of public expenditure by the 1990s and provide better services by redenloying resources

Suicide pact by couple A husband and wife, aged 18 and 24, were

driven to a suicide pact, in which the man died, because they could not find a house they could afford, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court. The wife who pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the suicide of her husband, was placed on two year's probation Page 5

Talks better than war

Preedom in Rhodesia and Namibia can still be established by negotiation rather than by the gun, a British minister argued at the United Nations conference in Magnito. But there would be no backsliding over Eritain's commitment to majority rule by next year, he said

Israel floating vote

Nearly half a million Israeli voters were starty near a million israely voters were still undecided, according to a last minute opision poll when polling stations opened vesterday. It put the Labour Alignment and the right-wing Likud running almost neck-and-neck. The large floating vote was expected to benefit the new Democratic Movement for Change, Official results are expected by Friday.

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performance: Angela Rippon, the BBC television newsreader, in the winner's enclosure at Goodwood race meeting yesterday after riding Star Performance victory in a match against Deborah Johnsey on Bird Cherry. Riding a racehorse for the first time in public. Miss Rippon carried out her riding instructions to the letter and won by seven lengths

Conten title bout off

John Conten, the world light-heavyweight boxeing champion, said yesterday he had wathdrawn from his title defence against Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, in Monaco on Saturday. He was granted an injunction in the High Court yesterday, effecfive until Friday, preventing the British Boxing Board of Control and two members of the World Boxing Council from depriving him of his title.

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Changes planned in household rating

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to announce government plans to change the way in which household rates are charged. The Government supports a recommendation of the Layfield committee on local government finance that in future rates should be based on house prices instead of the present system of assumed rentals Page 2

Red Cross deceived

A Red Cross team which visited Indonesian political prisons earlier this year was deceived over conditions in the prisons, a smuggled letter from a prominent detainee claims. The Red Cross, which usually does not comment publicly on such visits, says its representatives did not dis cover "the real conditions of detention"

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Army review of Ulster undercover activity after IRA murder of Captain Nairac

From Christopher Walker

The Army is understood to be undertaking a thorough reappraisal of many of its. undercover intelligence opera-tions in Northern Ireland after tions in Northern Ireland after officer between the Army and the kidnapping and subsequent suspected torture and murder ledge that he had been involved of Captain Robert Nairac. Senior officers are thought

to be concerned about information he may have been forced to give the Provisional IRA's work of contacts in south south Armagh unit while being Armagh, which lies on one of

"interrogated".

The IRA has been known to carry out brutal tortures against informers and outsiders ern Ireland suspected of involvement with Those co

the security forces.

The Army fears that such treatment was also meted out to Captain Nairac, aged 29, before his murder, described by the IRA as an "execution".

Since the disappearance of Since the disappearance of Captain Nairac on Saturday from the car park of The Three Steps public house at Drumantee, near Forkhill, south Armagh, efforts have been made to establish the extent of his knowledge about the Army's secret activities.

His connexion with the Special Air Service Regiment is still not clear. The Army

denies that he was attached to assume local access and pro-the regiment although he was vide an invaluable source of inused mill in Bessbrook, where the main SAS unit is stationed. It described him as a liaison in undercover work for some

time before his disappearance.
Army sources say his assignment involved building a ner-Armagh, which lies on one of the main supply routes of arms and explosives coming from the Irish Republic into North-

ern Ireland.

Those contacts are also feared to be at risk because of the publication of Captain Nairac's photograph in almost every British and Irish newspaper vesterday. An attempt is expected by the south Armagh Provisional IRA to trace all those suspected of having methim during his infiltration of him during his infiltration of the local community.

The publicity given to the incident is considered to have also damaged further underalso damaged further under-cover operations, particularly those involving the growing number of soldiers (by no means all members of the SAS) who work in ordinary clothes,

formation about terrorist

Undercover work has been increasing recently and is a factor behind the continuing high level of arrests of suspected terrorists. All information is pooled in a computer shared by army intelligence and the RUC's Special Branch.

Although Captain Nairac's knowledge of undercover activities would have been limited, he would have had vital information about methods and training.

The extent to which that information may now be known to the Provisional IRA will become clear in the weeks to

Peace talks: Secret talks between a Belfast and a Dublin lawver aimed at securing an eventual peace agreement between "loyalist" and republican paramilitary groups were condemned by politicians on both sides of the border yester-

day.
The low-key and so far unproductive meetings took place earlier this year between Mr Desmond Boal, a leading Northern Ireland lawyer, and foreign affairs minister in the Irish Republic and a prewarchief of staff of the IRA.

They were instigated by a Protestant and Roman Catholic churchmen, some of whom had connexions with ceasefire talks in 1974 with leaders of the Provisional IRA. Much of the discussion is undersmod to have centred on Mr Boal's plan for a federated Ireland. The intention was to put suggestions to the paramilitary leaders

The siim chance of any success seems to have evaporated with the disclosure of the meetings on a television programme earlier this week. The Ulster Defence Association and Ulster Volunteer Force, the largest loyalist groups, have denied any involvement with the talks. The UDA also threatened any of its members discovered to be tak-

Politicians from the Official Unionist and Alliance parties have atacked the notion of any negotiations with members of paramilitary groups. In Dublin, Dr O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs said: "This government does not believe in placating terrorists or negotiating with them."

from a parking meter.

The defendants are: Patrick

Joseph Hackett, aged 27, a trainee butcher of Clapham Common North Side; Adrian Vincent Donnelly, aged 36, a steel fitter, of Bonham Road, Brixton; John Hayes, aged 26, appropriate of Loubeach

unemployed, of Longbeach Road, Lavender Hill, Battersea,

and Mrs Sarah Ann Donnelly-aged 45, home help, and aunt of the second defendant, of Harleyford Road, Kennington,

nelly faces charges of possess-ing explosives, murder,

attempted murder, causing and attempting to cause grievous bodily harm; Mr Hayes with having explosives and causing

an explosion and with Mrs

Donnelly to obstructing justice. Mrs Donnelly is also charged

proscribed organization, the

guilty. Mr Hayes and Mr Hack-

ett chose not to plead and Mr

Justice Croom-Johnson ordered

contributing £500 to

Mrs Donnelly has pleaded not

all London.

Government aims to change rate charges

By Our Political Reporter: Government proposals for a fundamental change in the charging of household rates are expected to be announced by Mr Shore Secretary of State for the Environment, in the

Government supports the recommendation of the Lay-He will tell MPs that the field committee on local government finance that in future rates could be based on

rotate rates could be based on house prices instead of assumed rentals, the present system.

Those views, however, are conditional, for the Government is hoping to publish on the same day a consultative Green Paper on its response to the Layfield recommendations. Because of printing difficulties publication may be delayed, which would mean Mr Shore postponing his statement.

Another proposal to be made by Mr Shore involves the delicate area of relationships be-tween central government and tween central government and local authorities and where responsibilities lie and direction ends. Mr Shore is expected to suggest that in future local authorities should be responsible for the whole of their housing policy; at present direction is given on whether the emphasis should be on building or home improvement.

building or home improvement.

The Government will hold further discussions on its proposals, including the shift on rates. The new system would be based on capital values, the price a house would realize if sold on the open market. While house prices fluctuate with the market, it is suggested that the difficulties of individual assessments and the common terms of the common terms. ment could be overcome by "banding" houses in price

Spanish car ferry crew strikes All are charged, with others, with conspiring to cause explosions. Mr Rackett is charged with having explosives and causing an explosion; Mr Donally faces thereoe of possess. in Southampton From Our Correspondent

Spanish seamen on the Aznac Line's car ferry Monte Toledo have gone on strike and refuse to sail from Southampton back

to Spain. Last month it was announced that the Monte Toledo and her sister ship, the Monte Granada, had been sold to Libya. As a result, 10,000 Britons who had booked passages between Britain and Spain had to cancel booked

Two officials of the Spanish seamen's union arrived in Southampton yesterday to dis-cuss the strike with the crew. The strike is official.

pleas of not guilty to be The crew voted by 120 to 30 to strike because of unsatisfacrecorded. Pleas of not guilty were also recorded for Mr tory redundancy terms of between 15 days and one year's

Poor planning may produce too many teachers and maternity units Those options would meet the the report says. Special right known needs, the report says, ance is needed to ensure that

The Oueen meeting Glaswegians during her walkabout yesterday.

By Pat Bealy Social Services Correspondent Britain is in danger of producing too many teathers, maternity units and school places because too little notice is taken of population changes in plan-

of population changes in plan-ning social services, the Central Policy Review Staff, the Gov-ernment's "think tank", says today. Yet if population pro-jections were used properly they could both provide better services by the redeployment of resources and save up to £1,000m of public expenditure by the 1990s.

by the 1990s.

The CPRS, in a report on the implications for social expenditure of a possible long-term decline in the hirthrate, acknowledges that fluctuations in the birthrate over the last 20 years have produced population projections that have oscillated wildly. But the report points out that birth rates are not the only factor affecting need and that the variant projections developed since the 1970s should

be considered in planning social services. The report uses three different population projections to assess the likely need for various social services over the next 10 to 15 years. They are the central projection already used by Government departments in planning policies, the continu-ing low variant, and a very low projection specially prepared by

projection specially prepared by
the report.

All three projections show
a pattern of further decline, followed by a peak of births in
the 1980s when females born
in the early 1960s will have
their children, and a gradual
fall in numbers to the end of
the century.

the central and very low projections would be significant, the report says. The difference could amount to well over £1,000m in spending on education, health, personal social services and social security.

Already a number of options could be exercised in social services planning without relying on envy projected level of births, if population changes are taken into account.

In maternity services there could be some reduction in the length of stay in hospital, some reduction of the proportion of babies born in hospital, and an endorsement of the current says that changes in the birth-rate will affect only numbers in the younger age groups in the period it covers. Nevertheless, significant changes in the overall structure of the population will occur over the next overall structure of the population will occur over the next overall structure of the population will occur over the next of the report points out that increases in expenditure when numbers decrease. The report points out that increases in expenditure when numbers demanding a particular the period beyond will depend to an important extent on metry occurs partly because assets like buildings and trained elections. If demonstrations in the length of stay in hospital, some reduction in the length of stay in hospital, some and the social service reases like buildings and trained to an important extent on metry occurs partly because assets like buildings and trained to an important extent on the trained by the responsiveness of programmes to denographic changes.

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taking into account the expectible scope for adjustment is not ted peak of births in the 1980s understated, that advantage hand the expected decline in the taken of worthwhile apparatus.

The further decline of the numbers of schoolchildren in the 1980s poses two basic options: whether the number of teachers should decline properties and the properties of the number of teachers should decline properties and the number of teachers should decline properties and the number of teachers should be number of the number of teachers should be number of the portionately with pupils or whether there should be some compromise, by allowing a higher pupil/teacher ratio and more induction and in-service.

Surplus accommodation in school buildings in the 1989s, could be retained for later use. sold off or used for alternative community purposes.

With fewer children expected in the 1980s, there is scope to redeploy beds and manpower in hospitals and a case for central guidance to achieve redeployment locally to make the most effective use of paediatricians and nurses with child nursing qualifications.

A continued low level of births would enable further options to be exercised, the report says. They include a further reduction of materialry

further reduction of materatry services, the redeployment of medical manpower. a lower priority for nursery education, and more emphasis on community care for children.

But all projections point to a considerable saving in social security, because the decline in the numbers of children will bring down the cost of child benefit.

fall in numbers to the end of the century.

The report, which is welcomed by the Government, the central and very low projections would be significant, rate will affect only numbers

But the asymmetry is susper the scope for adjustment is but ties for temporary redeployment and that resources are not mis allocated by default.

Apart from the fact that plan

takes insufficient account of demographic change, the re-port's main conclusion is that the social services demonstrate a virtual insatiability of need. But, the report says, resources can never be provided on a scale that will meet to the ful the hopes of professional procitioners, the ambitions of pres sure groups or even the expec-tations of the public.

The number of elderly people is expected to increase gradually, by 400,000 in the 25 years to 2001, campared with an increase of 2,600,000 in the 24 years between 1961 and 1975. But within the total number over retirement age of the numbers of very elderly are expected to grow disproper-

tionately.

The 75.84 age grapp is expected to intress from 2,200,000 in 1975 to around above 2.500,000 to the end of the century. The 85-nlus 21-9 proup is expected to rise from 500,000 to 740,000 in 2001. The growth in the number of very elderly people will place considerable exur

hild place considerable exmining demands on the health and is social services and increase the next demand for sheltered housing

Bomb trial jury hears details of 16 attacks Manor Road. He was arrested complex device built into a cigar box which used the timer

yesterday was shown a display of riming devices similar to ones alleged to have been found in the flat of a young Irish nurse who has since fled

The prosecution also gave detail of 16 bomb incidents that it says the defendants were responsible for. Mr Brian Leary said the case concerned a six-week campaign

of terror last year by an active service unit of the Provisional IRA. The unit was said to have made 15 bombs, of which 13 exploded, causing one death, filosopread injury, and filosopo damage. One of the explosions was on

West Ham Tube train and led to the death of its driver. Mr Leary said the train was on its way towards Hammersmith when passengers saw smoke coming from a duffel-

bag on the floor. A young woman asked a man, who was almost certainly Mr Donnelly what it was. The woman, would describe how the man stared fixedly at the bag and said: "I don't know." Almost as he spoke, the bomb exploded, blowing the coach wide open and blasting some of the passengers on to the

As Mr Joseph Stephen, the driver, halted the train, Mr Donnelly jumped out, and appeared to be burn. Mr Stephen also got out, and sig-nalled another train to stop.

Important changes involving

the reversal of several established policies on office devel-opment throughout the south-

east economic planning region were announced in the Commons last night by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the

In line with recent announce-ments on help for the inner cities aimed at giving a stimu-

lus to employment, particularly in the construction industry, Mr Shore said that office devel-

opments in which no more than 200 to 300 people were em-ployed would be exempted from

courol throughout the region.

An order would be laid before
Parliament increasing the
exemption limit for office

development permitis from 15,000 to 30,000 sq ft. The minister added that that would

lift controls from about 55 per cent of the applications now being received by the depart-

Announcing the changes

during the second reading of the Control of Office Develop-

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Mr Ennals says

effective,

By Our Parliamentary

Westminster

Euvironment.

Controls relaxed on office

development in London

Mr Donnelly then went to within a few yards of Mr Stephen and, for no apparent reason. fired a revolver at point-blank range killing him.

Mr Leary said that Mr Peter Chalk, a Post Office engineer, who had run along the track to help the injured came face to face with Mr Donnelly, who was reloading the gun. Mr Chalk said he was only there to help the injured, but Mr Donnelly shot him in the

The first policeman to arrive was Police Constable David Wheal. Mr Donnelly raised his gun and shot at the officer, who heard a buflet whistle over his head.

PC Wheal made a radio call and then reversed his car in the direction of West Ham section. He again stopped and got out, 10 see where Mr Don-nelly was heading. Mr Donnelly was walking towards him along the track, and again shot

Mr Donnelly then met Mr Rushton walking towards the damaged front of the train. Mr Rushton asked Mr Donnelly if out of the way, or 1 will let you have it,"

He pointed his gun at Mr Rushton, who ran to warn people that an armed man was approaching. Mr Donnelly climbed on to the platform, still brandishing his gun, and made in a towards the station exit in wires.

ment Bill, Mr Shore said that

one of the reasons for the relaxation was that congestion

was no longer a serious prob-lem in central London. Since 1954 the passenger traffic figures during the rush hour had declined by 200,000, while

about 10 per cent fewer people worked in the central area.

Mr Shore said he intended

also to give permits for a

In line with the changes, Mr

Shore and unced a new role for the Location of Offices

don, giving particular attention to office employment in inner-

urban areas, also including London.

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later. Mr Donnelly, Mr Leary said, was taken to hospital, where a bullet was found which he bad gone right through his body and come out the other side. As staff were trying to undress him Mr Donnelly was shouting "English bastards!...Poxy Protestant!".

He gave his name as "Frank Guinness" and asked the police "How many of you bastards have I taken with me?" The jury was also told of an explosion at Selfridge's in which four people were injured and of an attempt to disrupt London's Underground by plant-ing a bomb at Oxford Circus

They also heard how one of the defendants, Patrick Hackett, lost a hand and seriously in-jured a leg when an alleged bomb exploded in his pocket in Stanbope Gardens, Kensington. The prosecution also described a bomb attack at Wood Green Tube station in which another person was injured.
One of the timing devices
Mr Leary showed the jury was he was an injured passenger a chain-store watch with the and he allegedly replied: "Get minute hand removed and a drawing pin driven through the face. When the bour had made contact inside the face with the tip of the pin a wired circuit would be completed.

Another showed how gas lighter elements could be used in a circuit with detonating

The trial continues today.

Students' leader decides today on peace formula

By Judith Judd, of The Times Higher Education Supplement Mr Andrew Strouthous, president of the North East London Polytechnic students' union, tho has been in Pentonville prison for a week, will state today whether he will accept a peace formula to settle his dis-

pute with the polytechnic. His solicitors have asked for hearing in the High Court at which they are expected to say whether he agrees.

Representatives of the National Union of Students visited. Mr Strouthous in prison yesterday to urge him to accept the formula worked out by the NUS, the National and Local Government Officers' Association and the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher

Education. Mr Strouthous was jailed for Mr Strouthous was jaued an refusing to obe, an injunction barring him from the polytechnic's premises. Now the polytechnic has agreed to vary the injunction so that he can enter the students' union to cerry out his during as precident.

his duties as president.
Asked whether the settlement meant a climb down for the polytechnic, Dr George Brosan, the director, said: "When matters are put to us by responsible people as distinct from being threatened with inarticulate, idiotic abuse and physical violence, we shall take cog-nizance of them. We are willing to listen to reason."

Mr Charles Clarke, president of the NUS, said: "If Mr Strouthous tures it down, he will simply be demonstrating his desire to be a political martyr."

He said that occupations of the West Ham and Barking precincts in protests against Mr Ströttshous's imprisonment had done no good whatever. A general meeting of students to morrow will decided whether they should continue.

Dr Brosan has chready closed the West Ham precinct and some students have been prevented from taking examinations.

Mr Strouthous, whose term of office ends on June 30, has already been expelled from the polytechnic. Or Brosan said it would be up to the governors to decide whether he should be readmitted. "Personally I would say it depends a great deal on his behaviour and the way he conducts himself."

Press Council criticized the on newspaper behaviour, Mr Grant said: "Of course the

But the Press Council, in once again throwing its all-embracing

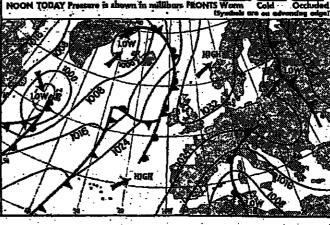
of the present ambassador, Sir Peter Ramsbotham.

Mr Callaghan had attempted to avoid responsibility for what had happened by blaming it on the lobby system, Mr Blaker said, and went on to reaffirm his confidence in the lobby correspondents.

is considered. On race, the overall record is decidedly questionable, almough there are honourable exceptions and even some signs of an awakening." mgs has een conducted.

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Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : 5.5 am New Moon: 3.51 am
Lighting up: 9.20 pm to 4.33 am
High water: London Bridge, 2.57
am, 7.0m. (23.1ft); 3.16 pm, 7.1m
(23.5ft). Avonmouth, 8.21 am,
12.4m (40.7ft); 8.32 pm, 12.6m
(41.2ft). Dover, 12.17 pm, 6.3m
(41.2ft). Rull, 7.11 am, 6.9m
(22.7ft); 7.24 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft).
Liverpool, 12.7 am, 8.8m (28.8ft);
12.22 pm, 8.8m (28.7ft).

N Wales NW England, Lake District. Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland; Dry, sunny periods; wind NE or E, light; max temp 14°C (50°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyl, NW Scotland: Mostly dry, sunny intervals; wind SE or S, light or moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

(55°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shedland:

Dry, sumy periods; wind E or

SE light; max remp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry, sumy periods, cloud and rain spreading to some S areas later; remp near normal, but rather cool near E coasts. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

While pressure remains low over the Continent, a ridge of high pressure will internally across Scotland.

London, SE and central S England.

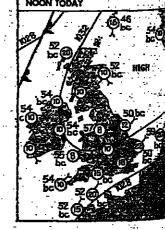
London, SE and central S England.

East Anglia. Channel Islands: Sunsy intervals, isolated showers developing; wind NE, fresh or strong; max temp 13°C (55°F). 11°C (52°F) near coasts.

Midlands SW England, S. Wales: Mostly dry, sunsy intervals, wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F).

E. central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunsy intervals, dry; 47 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, a WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: C, cloud; d, drizde;

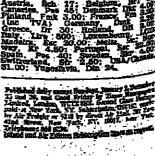
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trace. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, milhbars, rising.

At the resorts





Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yester-day that he is satisfied that fluoridation of water supplies is

safe and the most effective and economical measure for preventing tooth decay.

Speaking at a dental health conference in London, he said:

"To those who may have been worried by the sometimes hys-terical criticism aimed at fluori-

dation, I emphasize that there have already been extensive studies here and abroad.

"These have not shown any harmful effect associated with the level of fluoridation received during periods of over 30 years in North American and over 20 years in those parts of the United Kingdom where fluoridation has been prac-

Bird memorized phone number

A lost budgerigar puzzled a family who found it by persist-ently repeating "223723". Then Mrs Gloria Froggatt, of Minver Crescent, Aspley, Nortingham dialled the figures on her tele-phone, and the bird's owner

answered.
Mrs Muriel Hydes, a widow, of Blandford Road, Chilwell. Nottingham, had taught her pet to repeat the number. Appeals had been made on local radio for the missing bird.

Television can ' help to reduce violence'

By a Staff Reporter Television can help to reduce violence by arousing public disapproval of those who perpetrate it, Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, argued

last night Speaking at Bath University, he said that the possibility that a few maladjusted people might be incited to antisocial behaviour by seeing violence on the screen had weighed too heavily in the public mind.

"It seems likely, for instance, that the enormous social pressures that built up on President Nixon to end the Vietnam war were largely due to television, to the sight day after day of what that war

" Indeed, one must now doubt whether any democratic country can ever again wage an extended war except in the most incontestable circumstances of self-defence." A more modest, but wide-

spread, revulsion against violence had developed a few years ago in Britain, again, he years ago in britain, again, ne believed, as a result of tele vision. Violent demonstrations involving students and political groups, and violent picketings in the later stages of the Heath Government, had all been shown on television news

The result had been a wave of public disapproval of such violence

Mr Powell to the

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of trade union lore he quoted at length from his little red book of judicial misjudgments. To some of the more gullible limited number of speculative office buildings in inner London. When the economy picked up again it would be reasonable to expect an upturn in demand for new and-better that sort of material may have sounded like Mr Callaghan's favourite bedside reading. To order, less respectful MPs, there was clearly a nasty suspicion that the good Mr McCaffrey had been making up

for the Sir Peter Ramsbotham fiasco by looking up a few relevant dates for his Downing Street master. Bureau which, until now, has been trying to persuade busi-Anyway, as Mrs Thatcher retorted, Mr Callaghan's words would satisfy few people and she demanded an assurance that the judiciary was as highly regarded as it should be in ministerial circles. nesses to move out of London.

Its new role would include attracting international concerns to provide office employment in Britain, including London all programments attention.

Any attempt to suggest that Mr Foot was describing today's judges was totally false, Mr Callaghan repeated. The Lord President was casting no reflec-tions on those worthy men, and

that was just another red that was just another red herring.

With Mr Powell coming to his rescue. Mr Callaghan agreed that it was Parliament's right to alter the law as established by the decisions of the courts at any time. It was Parliament that had be herrother in an that had to be brought in on every occasion to deal with the interpretations of the law given by judges.

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Abbey inquiry opens today

By Our Planning Reporter
The future of Revesby
Abbey, in Lincolnshire, is the
subject of a public inquiry
which opens today. East Lindsey District Council has declined consent for demolition of
the house, which is listed
grade 2 and is considered to
be one of the finest producers be one of the finest products of the nineteenth-century Eliz-abethan/Jacobean revival. It was converted into flats some years ago, but is unoccupied

Princess Anne's cold

Correction

Princess Anne developed a cold over the weekend and lost her voice, it was stated at Buckingham Palace yesterday. She was unable to attend a banquet at the Mansion House, London, last night.

A headline on May 13 stated:
"Bigger British bacon, beef and skim milk "mountains"." There is no "mountain" of bacon anywhere in the EEC.

Minister alleges race 'cover-up' by Press Council

By Our Political Staff
The Press Council seemed
determined to cover up blemishes in newspaper handling of racial issues, Mr Grant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said last

Referring to the way the Community Relations Commission last week for its comments press cannot only report the good things and ignore the

protective cloak over the news-paper industry, seemed deter-mined to cover up all the blemishes and to ignore the fact that news is usually what the media say is news, Mr Grant said. "The hit or miss criteria for it may be based on commercial reasons, political expediency, or the very propaganda function the Press Conncil presented to decry. "Newspapers may not fully control news but they can create it, project or suppress it and set the context in which it.

Tory's motion tries to blame Mr Callaghan By David Leigh Political Staff

Political Staff
Mr Peter Blaker, the Conservative MP whose allegations about Prime Ministerial press briefings have put the present lobby system for journalists in doubt, stirred the por again last night by putting down a motion with the tacit support of Mr John Davies, the Tory foreign affairs spokesman.

His early-day motion tries to His early-day motion tries to pin on the Prime Minister the blame for the various stories about the undestrability of the

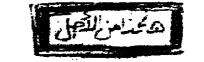
present ambassador in Washington which circulated in the

ton which circulated in the wake of controversy about the appointment of his son-in-law, Mr Peter Jay, as the neir ambassador.

The lobby system was abosed by the Government, Mr Blaker says, in order to make an attack on the professional competence of the present ambassador, Sir Peter Ramsbotham.

correspondents.

Mr Callaghan early this week made clear his unhappiness with the way the present lobby system of unattributable brief-





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Chemists say profit squeeze threatens service to the public

Health Services Correspondent Government policy is squeezing chemists' profits on National Health Service pres-criptions to the point where stocks cannot be replaced and patients may soon have to make more than one visit to get medicine, according to the Pharmaceutical ervices Negotiating Committee. The committee says the service is in danger of breaking down as

ore chemists' shops close. Talks with officials of the Department of Health and Socail Security have reached an impasse after 13 months, and a meeting is being sought with Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services.

The committee said yester-day that not only had the department refused to meet the claim for an increase, it was also "clawing back" money, an estimated film this year. apparently because of year, apparently because of chemists' increased efficiency. The department contended that increased efficiency was rewarded, but that was not so. increasing profitability, such as discount buying, more efficient overheads and improved pro-ductivity meant less recom-

chemist reduced overreduced. Any increase in pro-ductivity by dispensing more

larger number of prescriptions, and the chemist got a smaller amount a prescription.

Mr Alan Smith, chief executive of the committee, said chemists did not want to be "feather-bedded" but they were frightened that they were on the edge of a precipice so far as service to the public was

Chemists' shops bad been closing at the rate of four a week for the pat four years. In 1974 a chemist made about 4p in profit on a prescription. In 1977 the rofit was 4.8p, which in 1974 terms was only 2.8p a prescription. The average pro-fit on NHS business was £1.600 a year. Pharmmacists felt par-ticularly aggrieved because they were responsible people providing a service, were aware of the difficult national economic situation and had subsidized colleagues in diffi-cult areas with a fund of a third of a million pounds to help them to keep open.

Mr Griff David, chairman of the committee, said it was un-fair that retail business not connected with the prescrip-tion of medicine In chemists' shops might be used as an argument against an increase that side of chemists' activities was "not so healthy", particu-larly in small shops.

heads by cutting staff or moving to premises with lower rent, the savings were reflected in the next cost inquiry, and the overheads not only no increase n payartributable to the NHS are reduced. Any increase is not only a 23 per cent reduced. The Pharmaceutical Socity, not only no increase a payments but a 23 per cent reduction in net profits from the ductivity by dispensing more Government. The situation prescriptions meant that overheads were divided by the ience for the public.

Cancer test techniques 'approach the ultimate'

By Our Health Services

Physical tests for cancer are probably reaching the ultimate in technique and already contribute enormously to the correct diagnosis and localization of the common malignant dis-eases, Mr Michael Baum, senior lecturer at the University Hos-pital of Wales, said in London

In a paper at the annual symposium of the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, he said that with this improvement in accuracy techniques had also tended to become safer and less arduous for patients.

Professor Dennis Parke, head f the department of biochemistry at Surrey University said that many new approaches to the treatment of cancer were being made One exciting study was of the needs of cancer thiamine and

At the Marie Curie Foundation it had been shown that malignant tumours were immunologically different from normal host The effects of antisera on those enzymes were being tested.

Mr Ronald Raven, consultant surgeon at the Royal Marsden. Hospital, London, criticized syn-

theric cigarettes. Smokers would still inhale the products of combustion and would still be in danger, he said. If people felt that a synthetic cigarette was safer, they would continue to smoke and might go back to all-tobacco cigarettes.

People had to be persuaded to stop smoking, not to sub-stitute one form of smoking for another. The Government should act with a complete smoking control programme, and tribacco should be priced out of the market.

Speaking on industrial cancer rofessor Michael Alderson, Institute of Cancer Research industry depended on collaheration among industry Government, and the public.

specific relationship between, say, a chemical agent and a cancer could not be the only criterion for action. If the relative risk of a disease was remote more harm might be done to the community by closing a plant and worrying thousands of workers than by agent whose impact upon disease was negligible, even though that agent could be shown to cause cancer when injected into small animals in

Union to launch offensive in the catering industry

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Mr Alan Law, regional trade group secretary of the Trans-port and General Workers Union in Birmingham, who has moulded his lorry driver members into a potent and muchfeared force, announced yester-day that in future he would be dealing with the hotel business including Trust Houses Forte (THF), with which the union has been in dispute for several

The TGWU is seeking a larger membership among the esti-mated one million potential recruits in the hotel and catering industry and it appears that the aggressive approach that Mr Law employed in the road haulage industry will be enardout

in the new campaign.

Mr Law, who has not, in the past, shown the highest regard for the press, summoned reporters to hear his review of the dispute at THW's Night manuscription and Arbitration Service. The union has lifted its ban on supplies to other THF establishments, notably fuel supplies to motorway restaurants while

the inquiry is held.

The Night Out dispute began when a waitress was dismissed, allegedly for rudeness to cu-tomers. She had been trying to recruit workmates into the

are bending over backwards hel, HF to save face; the to hel, HF to save face; the The dispute began over the dis-saving of face for a manage missal of chambermaids.

and is not big enough to know how to get out of it. They are saying 'no' because they are not skilled enough professionally to know how to say 'ree'." 'yes'

He said THF had refused to give each of the 13 strikers two years' pay, a total of £26,000, as an alternative to reemploying them. He pointed out that the company had spent £30,000 on advertising its view of the

Asked about people who might not want to join the union in the new drive, he said: "They will be in sooner or later, as soon as they wake up and see the light. I am quite confident about that. They will confident about that. They will realize they have been used as pawns and we shall welcome them with open arms."

Mr Law, aged 58, a former forry driver, made his reputa-tion in the transport industry with tactics that included black lists, lightning strikes and de-

accepted payments of £300 to £500 from THF and agreed to call off the strike, which began-

23 weeks ago.
Mr Geoffrey Hulett, district officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union in THE LAW Said: "We have told Oxford, said other hotels should not be complacent, for the will reinstate her.

We are herding over hoster. union would continue to fight for members and recognition.

Broadmoor men accused of siege murder 10 July 10 182

From Our Correspondent Reading

strangled a fellow inmate dur- of the defence.

told yesterday. David Cheeseman, aged 32, and Robert Mawdsley, aged 28. Francis, who was bound appeared before the court for committed proceedings on a charge of murdering David Francis, aged 26, during the siege last February. Both were ally assaulted a friend.

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sent in custody to Reading Crown Court. Reporting restric-Broadmoor patients tions were lifted at the request

Mr Peter Spencer, for the ing a 10-hour siege, magistrates
at Bracknell, Berksbire, were Director of Public Prosecutions. said they barricaded themselves in a changing room with Mr The defendants said they wanted to read statements in

because Mr Francis had sexu-

More unions join in phase three

way staff supported a phase three.

The main prosecution witnesses are yet to be heard. Among them is the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which is siming to press for a return to unfettered wage bargaining among 19 unions embraced by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineer-ing Unions.

The AUEW, second larges of the unions next to the transport workers, will make its move at the annual meeting of the confederation next mouth. The organization covers 2,500,000 workers and a "no" vote would be a serious set-back for the advocates of pay

Mr William Ronksley, presi-dent of the Associated Society. of Locomative Engineers and Firemen, told his union's conference at Buxton: "The social contract is not only a dead duck, it is a political liability and should be buried without

tioued the dismantling of the railway system. Clearly hinting at industrial action, be said the union would have no alternative but to oppose such proposals by every means at its disposal

Unless we can persuade the

vesterday from the Institution of Professional Civil Servants,

The British Institute Management today meets Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to press the need

that rewards skill and responsi-bility.

The institute, representing 53,000 managers, is deeply con-cerned about the squeeze on managers' differentials and wants incentives restored. Sir Derek Ezra, its obsirman, will

Council chairman

By Our Health Services

Sir Kenneth Thompson, a former junior minister, has been elected the first Council chairman of Merseyside County

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on Mr Williams Benvon's Abortion (Amendment) Eill. People were deeply con-

For the Government to refuse, as it has done, to give time for debate of the Bill was "tanta-

Anti-abortionists' rally

Correspondence
The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children chartered for the lobby. At organized a mass lobby of members of Parliament resterday to Benyon, Conservative MP for try to influence the Government to give time for deleter that the rest that the rest try to make the ford deleter.

the 1967 Act, the society said.

For the Government to refuse, as it has done, to give time for seid. "All we are asking for is a fair crack of the whip", he said. "We have not asked the

debate of the Bill was "tantamount to stiffing the wishes of
Parliament". No government to support this
Could afford to override the
considerable public opinion in
support of the Bill without

Send. We have not asked the
Government to support this
Bill but simply to allow discussion and debate on amendmeats which have already been
support of the Bill without
MPs."

controversy

The pay policy went on trial again at the union conferences yesterday. The train drivers said it was a dead duck, civil servants gave it grudging approval, and white-collar rail-

Mr Hugh Scanlon, AUEW president, seems certain to con-tinue in the present TUC-Government talks on what follows when the phase two wage agreement ends on July 31, despite the rejection of pay restraint by the union's dominant engineering section.

He also warned the Government of "real trouble" from footplate men if the coming White Paper on transport con-

Declaring the social contract to be an unmitigated disaster for Government and the econoy, he said the working class was in revolt against rapidly falling living standards. At falling living standards. At least Beeching did his dirty work openly. Now we are ex-periencing a Beeching exercise by the back door.

Government to increase investment in British Rail now our railways will be little more than scrap when they will be needed most due to the short-The white-collar Transport

Salaried Staffs' Association which has 70,000 members, voted yesterday for another stage of pay policy. But it called for a correction of pay There was also overwhelming

which has 100,000 members in salary ranges of up to £15,000. Its annual conference, at Scarborough, said that another year of restraint was an essential prerequisite for an orderly return to free collective bargain-

for another pay policy, but one that rewards skill and responsi-

hezd the delegation.
Timothy Raison, MP, page 16

Children from 30 London schools taking part in the twentieth annual country dance party at Coram's Fields, Bloomsbury, London, yesterday. Postmen vote Dr Eysenck's interpretation of twins study challenged by colleague

By Neville Hodgkinson
Social Policy Correspondent
A suggestion last week by Dr
Hans Eysenck that the results genetically determined differences, and that the limits to which such measures can be of a study of twins in America meant that the Royal Commis-The Union of Post Office Workers repudiated one of trade unionism's fundamental principles yesterday when deleprovoking a mass reaction have long been passed in Britain. Dr. Michael Rutter, professor of child psychiatry at the institute and joint author of Cycles of Disadvantage, an important survey of research in the field, told the commission yesterday that the American findings had likely bearing at the extent of meant that the koyal commis-mon of the Distribution of In-come and Wealth "might as well pack up" was challenged at a hearing of the commission

yesterday.

The study, among nearly 2,500 pairs of twihs, indicated that pairs of twins, indicated that genetic factors were about 50 per cent responsible in determ-ining the level of the twins earnings in a given environment. Differences in family background and educational opportunity appeared to have had little effect, but there was a big contribution from uniden-tified environmental influences. Dr Eysenck, professor of psy-chology at the Institute of Psy-University,

chiatry, London University, argues that egalitarian measures such as redistributive taxes and

worker's abilit yto meet stan-dards of fitness and efficiency and a recognition that there is a continuing need for the job. Mos of the postal workers chose to cominue working will receive a pension in addition for needy Manxmen to full pay.

The decision clashes deeply with the constant call from other unions for early retire-

to extend

working life

gates at their conference voted to allow members to extend

their working lives.

As a result of the decision

Mr Norman Stage, the union's deputy general secretary, will now ratify with the Post Office an agreement that will allow

postmen, sorting staff, telephon-ists and telegraphists to work afte rihe normal retirement age

working an extra five years as

of right, and not, as at present, at the discretion of the Post

That right will depend on the

of 60 to the age of 65. The agreement will give postal workers the choice of

From Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Douglas, Isle of Man With an estimate With an estimated budget surplus this year of nearly £1m, ment to create more jobs for younger people and to extend raised from a population of only 60,000, the Isle of Man Governthe leisure time of the elderly. Mr Stagg explained that a ment has given further conceshigh proportion of postal workers did not enter the insions to its taxpayers and is considering "negative income tax" to benefit the lowest paid. dustry until middle age or later; retirement at 60 meant During the budget meeting of Tynwald, the Isle of Man parlisfor many of them a totally inadequate pension and conse-quent hardship.

Union members had to work income tax rate of 211 per cent or 40 years to qualify for a would stay but that revisions in ension of about £25 a week, hich is calculated at one ried couple without children to for 40 years to qualify for a-pension of about £25 a week, which is calculated at one eightieth of pay for every year of service. In addition, he said, the anti-

social hours of the job had made it difficult for the Post Ofice to recruit young people.

Chlorine leak at reservoir

Thirty-one people were taken to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary yesterday suffering from the effects of chlorine, which was being delivered to the Staunton Harold reservoir, near Melbourne.

Firemen neutralized the spillage as the area was sealed. Those affected were workmen

risking public censure at the next election. Special trains and buses were

that three times in the past three years MPs had shown by

their votes that, in principle, they supported measures to

ence on a parliament totally without political affiliations) an ending of the High Court ban on electronic

earn £2,245 without tax liability.

That compares with a figure of £1,125 on the mainland.

The budget figures gave a further opportunity for Mr. Charles Kerruish, Speaker of

the House of Keys to argue that

fiscal links with the Westmin-

ter Government by levying its

own indirect taxes as well as

setting its own income tex Mr Kerruish (often mis-takenly thought of as the island's prime minister, but who does have considerable influ-

'Planets' suite Miss Imogen Holst, daughter of Gustav Holst, composer of The Planets suite, was entitled to object to the sale of an electronic version which she felt "mutilated" her father's work Mr Justice Oliver said in the High Court yesterday.

RCA Ltd was banned from manufacturing or selling in the United Kingdom records entitled Tomua Planets.

The disputed recording is by Isao Tomita, a Japanese artist, who itse produced "electronic realizations" of several other classics.

The injunction is effective until the trial of an action by G. L. Holst Ltd, which holds rights to the works of Holst, alleging copyright infringement

The finding that genetic factors play a significant part in determining which people have higher or lower pre-tax earnings provides no real rearrition on the power to manipulate the extent of inequalities in income". Dr Russer said. Re Russer said. "Genetic factors (influencing IQ and personality) help to determine how far people make the most of their opportunities. Accordingly, the provision of equal opportunities for all (however destrable a goal in its own right would have a relatively minor effect in reducing overall inequalities in income in the roughly equal measure. But the degree to which some people earned much more than others was alterable by both income

income variation.

The findings referred only to the question of who earns more than someone else, he said in evidence submitted jointly with Miss Nicola Madge, Mr A. corned more than Mr. B. because of genetic and environmental influences in Tax handouts considered

employed by the state withour provoking a mass reaction have

little bearing on the extent of income variation.

Common Purse" arrangemen with the United Kingdom Government, under which duties on collected at mainland rates by British customs and excise offi cials and an agreed amount repaid annually to the island.

Mr Kerruish said figures on increased petrol and oil taxes meant that "in jubilee year Manamen were the mugs Figures presented by the Finance Board, showed that the Manx Government had to pay our rebates of £187,500 to equalize increased taxes on all

and perrol. All the island's electricity is generated from oilfuelled power stations. A select committee is study ing recommendations that the Isle of Man should break away from the mainland's indirect tex system, possibly abolish value-added tax and market cheaper cigarettes, tobacco-and

Mr Kerruish said that if the island government did not take control of its indirect tax affairs it would remain a group of "puppers dancing to the tune of Westminster politicians"

By Our Consumer Affairs

Correspondent
A proposed EEC Council

directive to protect the con-sumer from doorstep selling might encompass purchases from the milkman or rural mobile shops, MPs were told

Representatives of the Office.
of Fair Trading, the National

Consumer Council, the Mail Order Traders' Association and

the Finance Houses' Associa-tion were giving oral evidence

to the select committee on European legislation. The consumer representatives

welcomed provisions that con-

tracts arising from doorstep selling should be in writing and that customers should have a seven-day "cooling-off" period during which they might cancel

idinsyncracies.".

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the contract.

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inequalities in income in the population as a whole. On the other hand, improved opportunities could make a real difference for individuals who suffer from Lady Compton, wife of Lord Compton, heir to Lord North-ampton, was granted a decree nist in London yesterday on the ground that the marriage had broken down because of Lord Compron's adultery.

Judge outlines issues

at Windscale inquiry

policies.
"The finding that genetic fac

The gravity of the issues sur-rounding the proposal to build a new type of nuclear fael reprocessing plant ar Wind-scale, Cumbria, which would

explain the procedures for the examination: "This inquiry is radioactive wastes needing safe in many ways unique, for the storage for thousands of years. issues to be investigated may Mr. Justice Parker, said that affect not only those already if he was to consider the implialive and residing in this imcations of the development for mediate neighbourhood but the safety of the public it was also those who live far away plain, that they included the and those who will not be born aransport and storage of spent for many ways ahead." for many years ahead."

addressing a formidable assem-bly of legal expertise. The OCs present for supporters of the application included Lord SI-

cized for being so widely drawn that one day sales, demonstra-tions at the place of work, and

the insurance man's collection

MPs were urged to find ways

of concentrating attention on foot-in-the-door salesmen, with-our opening loopholes that might be used to avoid the

pistation. Mr Maurice Healy, for the prional Consumer Council.

National Consumer Council said it would be against con-

sumers' interests if mail orders were included in the directive.

legislation.

round might be affected.

Friends of the Earth, David Widdicombe, for Windscale: Appeal, and Mr George Debry, for the Attor-ney General of the Isle of

Ports 'feed

addiction in

Cambridge?

New cases of drug dependency; 3.6 in every 100,000 population in the country as a whole, are 23.90 in Cambridge and 33.33 in Peterborough, Dr David

Muller, consultant psychiatrist and chairman of the Cambridge-shire Committee for Coordina-

tion of Drug Dependency Services, said yesterday.

about fifteen miles around it has a population of about 200,800, and Peterborough one of 108,000. Dr Muller added

that only about a tenth of the

total of drug-takers were known to official organizations.

Addicts in Cambridgeshire.

he said; spent up to £70 a week on drugs, money mainly ob-tained by theft, muggings and drug peddling?

The figures included not only the hard drugs but such drugs

me nara angs the barbitur-ares. But people who wanted to make cannabis legal did not know what they were doing. We

were becoming too complacent about drugs. The Department of Health wanted to "look the other way," and appeared to be more concerned about alcohol

consumption

Reasons for the high numbers in Cambridgeshire were

the proximity of ports, such as Harwich, Felizatowe, King's Lynn and Lowestoft, through which there was considerable

sniuggling from Continental sup-pliers; both Cambridge and Peterborough were easily accessible from London; and

Peterborough had a new town development with a proportion

of immigrants settling there.
One man he had seen, from

the Khyber Pass, had been used to smoking opium for 36 years. Dr. Muller sald drug dependency was not much of a problem among the undergraduates of Cambridge University. His committee helped those people who warred to be halped and

who wanted to be helped and tried to educate the public on dangers of drug abuse.

Lady Compton's decree

Cambridge and an area of

By Our Health Services

drug

scale, cumbria, which would to describe is whether Bricost E600m were made clear tish Nuclear Fuels should be vesterday by Mr Justice allowed to build a plant to propared, inspector of a public cess spent enriched nuclear inquiry to open at Whitehaven fuel to separate uranium for rouse, plutonium for storage and the explain the procedures for the explain the procedures for the

transport and storage of spent fuel before reprocessing and Mr Justice Parker was any hazards involved in those ddressing a formidable assem operations. The hazards, ly of legal expertise. The QCs whether to personal safety or

of an environmental nature, of the actual operation of the application included food SI. the actual operation of the soe, for British Nuclear Fuels, proposed plant and disposal of and Mr. Iain Gidewell for waste were also within the Cumbria County Council scope of the inquiry. It also Those representing opponents appeared inegrable that such of the plan include Sir Frank matters as security risks, in-Layfield, for the Town and dustrial relations, and so on Country Planning Association, would at least to some extent Mr. Raymond. Kidwell, for fall within its scope.

Burglaries up a Doorstep buyers protected But they argued that compa-ventions of the proposed direc-tive should be made an offence, rather than merely making the contract void, and called for a lower limit to the value of con-tracts covered. The directive was also criti-rized for being so widely drawn

quarter in value last year

> By Our Crime Correspondent Every two or three minutes of the day and night a home somewhere in Britain is burgled, according to the British Insurance Association.

> Last year a notal of £22.4m in cash and valuables was stolen from private houses. The trend past five years the value of stolen goods has trebled and last year alone the figures showed an increase of a quarter

> on: 1975. · The association's figures indicate that more than £60,000 in valuables is stolen by burglars every 24 hours. Mr Patrick Bartrom, chair-

> prevention panel, said: "It is the opportunist thief looking for easy pickings who will commit nearly three quarters of these burglaries."

> A survey by the association shows that nearly a third of burglaries are committed by thieves who enter through the

"Urgent need' for six-month pension review

A six-monthly review of pensions is urged by Miss Betty Millard, president of the National Federation of Old Age Pensions Associations. She told us annual conference at Margate yesterday: " Never has our claim for a pension of one third of the gross average wage for a single person and one-half for a married couple been more clearly justified.

"There is also the added urgent need for a six-monthly

By-pass objectors invoke river rights

By Philip Howard

In an erudite constitutional move to prevent the building of the M3 Winchester by-pass, objectors have summoned the first meeting for a century and a half of the Commissioners of the Itchen Navigation.

They did so by fastening a natice on the Butter Cross, Winchester, yesterday and by placing another notice in The Hampshire Chronicle. Seven Acts still on the statute book dating back to 1665 enact the right to summon such a meeting, and declare that the commissioners must meet receive complaints about interference with the navigation within 28 days of such notice being given.

The public right to navigation on the Itchen from Southampton to Winchester is guaranteed by an 1802 Act, doubtful But there is no doubt which has never been repealed, that the right to summon a In practice the last barge

Winchester, in 1869, and there meeting arises because the after navigation fell into decay Department of Transport's plan es a commercial proposition. But it subsists as a statutory The underemployed but un-

repezied Commissioners of the Irchen Navigation last met in 1830, but they are still on the statute ocok going back to Acts 16 and 17 of Charles II with the general duty of overseeing the management of the navigation and of fixing the rates of curriage. The Acts enact that the commissioners should include the

mayors of Winchester and Southampton, the justices of the peace of Hampshire, the and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral and the Warden end fellows of Winchester College. Whether those worthirs will in fact meet is meeting survives.

for the M3 Winchester by-pass proposes to realign part of the canalized section of the Icchen. The objectors maintain that the proposal is not just a diversion but a stopping of navigation, in which case it is illogal by numerous Acis.
In November the Depart-

ment of Transport published a draft order under section 10 of the Highways Act to enable the Secretary of State to divert a navigable watercourse, that is the Itchen. That would mean that a statutory instrument could be used to overturn a series of public Acts of Parlia-

ment, The revival of the ancient Commissioners of the Itchen Navigation is by no means the end of the taugled story. The ownership of the navigation is sioners. At the end of the tween the wars.

cighteenth century the share in the navigation estate. Which amounted to a right to charge tolls, belonged to one Edward Prott. They then passed to a George Hollis and a Harry Baker, and thence down in the Hollis family.
Along the way the estate

hecame encumbered with mort-gages, which by 1848 amounted to about £20,000. One of the mortgagees, a William Whitear Bulpett, owner of Bulpett's Bank in Winchester High Street (now the National Westminster Bank) became man-After an acrimonious lawsuit

brought by one of the Hollis brothers in 1862, Bulpett established himself as mortgagee in possession. The Itchen Navigation became nothing but bad debis. Bulpetr died a bachelor in 1899, and passed his interest to a cephew, who died a bachelor in Nairobi be-

Man drove away with stolen aircraft parts From Our Correspondent Bristol A man drove into the Rolls

Royce engine division at Patchway near Bristol unchallenged, picked up four aircraft engine components that were lying on the ground and drove out, it was stated at Thombury Magis trates' Court. Avon, yesterday. Ther were later sold for scrap for £14. Glyn Albert Pritchard, aged

20, a labourer, of Harescombe. Yare, near Bristol, admitted stealing the parts. He was fined £50 and given a three-month prison sentence suspended for a

In a statement to the police Mr Pritchard said: "I drove up and drove straight in and did not get checked, and drove around there looking for something to take. I saw these four metal things on a pallet-type thing outside."

Living costs

'have risen

The cost of living of the poor-

est households has risen by almost 5 per cent more than

that of the richest ones since the beginning of the social con-

tract, the Low Pay Unit says

in evidence presented yesterday to the Royal Commission on the

Distribution of Income and

That is because the prices of

necessities on which the poor spend a larger proportion of

their budgets, have been rising

faster than those of good; that feature prominently in the

spending of the better-off, the

Last year, for example, food costs increased by 23.5 per cent, compared with a general inflation rate of 16.6 per cent. Butter, margarine and lard

increased by 40 per cent, rege-tables by 37 per cent, reg and coffee by 36 per cent and fish and dairy products by a quarter. But the cost of motoring increased by only 13 per cent,

and that of household consumer

goods by 11.5 per cent. The unit presents a special

cost of living index calculated on

the basis of the different spend-

ng patterns of high and low

income groups. It shows that prices rose by 77.8 per cent for the low-paid (the poorest tenth of households) in the three

ears since the social contract

of poor

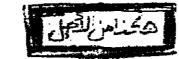
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Correspondent

Wealth.

unit says.

By Our Social Policy



rug Poll shows Tameside Pupils 'lack Idiction parents want grammar of industrial world'

In the first referendem of its cind in Britain a large majority by f parents at Tameside, Greater Manchester, have said they wish remmer school education to be etained, as opposed to a fully comprehensive system.

ley Councillor Donald Thorpe and that figures obtained in a eferentism of parents comegal battle of last summer which concluded with the local mathematy's retaining its five

He said the survey, a nonnincal one conducted by ameside education officers howed that parents had voted to to one in favour of retaining some form of grammar chool education. A total of 0,875 parents had voted in vour representing more than all of those cinculated.

Teachers had also been asked or their views, and of 66.9 per cent who replied to the questionneire 56 per cent had instant that they wanted to see arammar schools retained.

Mr. Thorpe said he believed. howed that parents had voted

Mr. Thorne said be believed. e ie figures were most gratifyg. He was especially pleased; ith the result of the teachers'

ponents had been saying that and pository me mind of the proposed com-releasive scheme, which the He said he and his council to ories abandoned on taking colleagues were hoping for a colleagues were hoping for a ontrol of the council. general election before the
After Mr Mulley, former Sec. council could be forced into any
stary of State for Education fully comprehensive scheme.

in 1976 to implement arrange ments previously made to allo cate pupils to secondary schools on a non-selective bonus, Tame side's case was taken to the High Court and from there to the House of Lords, where the appeals committee found in Tameside's favour. Mr Thorpe told a press con-ference at Dukinfield Town

Half that the Government owed Tameside about £16,000 in costs from last year's legal proceed-ings, when costs were awarded against the Department of Education He added that he was not expecting another legal battle this summer.
Tameside council however

might soon be at loggerheads again with the department, as the council's new proposals for going comprehensive, which are required by law, will not be ready for May 24. That is the deadline given to Tameside and other "rebel" authorisies by Mrs Williams; Secretary of State for Education and Science Site has told Tameside that she will not meet their remest in extend the deadline. again with the department, as

request to extend the deadline by nine months. Mr Thorpe said that because consultations with parents ith the result of the teachers' and individual schools it would not say in the council's be September at the earliest ponents had been saying that and possibly the end of the year's per cent of teachers were before the proposals were favour of the proposed compared to the proposed to the proposed

colleagues were hoping for a general election before the

Comprehensives need time

y Mark Jackson, of The Times, able to understand what had ducational Supplement happened because of those rethe comprehensive system; irs Williams, Secretary of State

esterday. on of the Industrial Society elective school system of the ind that Britain used to have. here were similar complaints troughout the United States nd Western Europe.
Part of the trouble was that hools had needed time to tile down from the effects of

industry who knew how long racy, she said that progress took a company to recover was bound to be made towards om the effects of one aimal such participation, whatever amaion or merger should be government was in power.

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world' Fameside education authority

From Tim Devlin Education Correspondent Gloucester

Schoolchildren are so biased against industry by what they read and see in the media and so ignorant about it that it is impossible to talk to them, Mr David Logan, education officer of the TUC, said yesterday.

Mr Logan, who has visited schools regularly during the last four years, told the Boarding Schools Association's conference at Gloucester: I am incapable of talking to them because they have not the basic elements of the language of work and

He said schoolchildren had a biased idea from the media that trade unionists were holding the country to ransom and it was impossible to talk them out of it. They had no understanding of basic economics.

"I cannot explain to them that Ford workers pay is in part determined by the fact that remain choose to creat more.

people choose to spend more money on more cars than on food", he said. Teachers should concentrate

on the political and economic knowledge of industry, he said, and teach statistics, which was the most useful form of mathematics.

He also criticized university and polytechnic asthorities for not admitting more adult students to lence and tech-nical courses and referred to the Prime Minister's speech on education last October, which reported that there were 30,000 empty science and technological places in higher education.

"Rather than giving these places to British working men and women, universities and polytechnics will allow these places to more a will allow these places to more and working men and women, universities and polytechnics will allow these places to more and working the second control of the s

places to go empty or will sell them to foreign students, some of whom are our competitors", Mr Logan said.

He concluded that Britain spent only £42m a year on adult education, which was change was control on the said of the

about as much as was spent on
Oxbridge to keep it in the style
to which it was accustomed.
Mr R. A. Shepherd, training
manager for Ford Motor Company, said Britain had lost the greatest opportunity since the war with the raising of the school-leaving age to bridge the gap between school and work. We had had the chance to free education from the hands of academics and put it

into the hands of vocational

educationists. Teachers in training should do a spell on the shop floor something to answer for here she said. Urging schools and industry before reaching. It was the only way for them to get a know-ledge of industry. Add indus-trial training to teaching prac-tice in our training programmes



Thames occasion: Barges with flags at their mastheads sailing under Tower Bridge yesterday after the Lord Mayor tionship with another young of London, Sir Robin Gillett, had raised HMS Belfast's man. They planned to get jubilee flag to herald the Queen's silver jubilee celebrations. I married but had difficulties sailing under Tower Bridge yesterday after the Lord Mayor

Homeless couple made suicide pact

pact because they could not tind a home they could afford. who was 18, died.

His wife, Linda, aged 24, survived to appear at the Central Criminal : Court vesteroay, accused of aiding and abetting the suicide of her husband between January 10 and 13 this year. She pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for two

Mr Justice Talbot told her: It is clear there was this background of unhappiness but you must know it is never right to solve your problems that way. 'My duty on behalf of the

country is not to send you to prison but to put you on the road to a decent way of life." Mr Jeremy Connor, for the prosecution, said the couple, took a massive overdose of drugs after they had booked into the Ariel Hotel, near Heathrow, when they were cold, penniless and had nowhere to

When found by hotel staff the husband was dead and his wife almost dying. When ambulance men arrived she had stopped breathing and it was only their prompt action that She now lives with her

arems at Eastbourne Gardens, Hanworth, west London. Mr Connor said the case involved "the tragic events epresenting the close relationship between a young man of 18 and his wife of 24, which came to an end in a suicide

pact".
The couple were married in November last year. They met after she had finished a rela-

couple were driven to a suicide as a result she tried to commi

Mrs Sperring was working a judge was told yesterday. The for a record company when she husband. Nicholas Sperring, first mer her husband, who came into the office to repair the central heating. They got

married soon afterwards. Mr Connor said there were many discussions about whether they could get a mortgage or a home of their own. They moved to the home of the wife's parents but Mr Sperring could

not get work in the area. When they moved into a flat they were unable to pay the heating bills. "At Christmas they discussed the possibility of committing suicide, the reason being that they did not want to be parted ", Mr Connor

on January 7 they went to public house, where they obtained a large amount of barbiturates. They then booked themselves in at the hotel When found at the hotel Mrs when found at the note: Mrs
Sperring had a pen in her hand
and had written: "Dear
Mummy and Daddy, we decided
this way is the only way out.
Now we can be together.
"Someone has to a first

"Someone has to go first. Don't blame yourselves, it was our decision. I love you all, I am writing this because Nicholas is not capable."

In the note she said her hus-band put up the money to pay for the drugs.

Mr Frederick Joseph, for the defence, said: "They were happy between themselves but

they were desperately unhappy about financial matters and housing.'
They They had made various attempts to find somewhere of their own. They went to housing agents and had put their names on the council list. They certainly could not afford

The index for the higher paid registered an increase of 73.2 per cent. The difference of 4.6 per cent, the unit notes, is almost equivalent to the limit on wase rises specified for the second stage of the pay policy. Over the past year, price rises for the low-paid were 17.8 per cent, compared with 16.6 per private accommodation. It is a very tragic and sad story."

began.

cent for the high-paid.

The unit argues that its indices still understate differences between the changes in living costs of the low-paid and high-paid, and says the gan will increase with the expected food and fuel price increases in the

coming months.

It has appealed to the Government to publish a special cost-of-living index for the low-

Mr Frank Field, the unit's director, believes that a national ninimum wage should be established. Leading article, page 17

Shoplifter had £3.546

Mrs Rosa Gleizer, aged 40, a Brazilian on holiday in London, was carrying £3,546 in mixed currencies when she stole goods valued at £6.96 from a Marks and Spencer store, it was stated at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court vesterday. She was fined the maximum of £400.

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o settle, minister says

The deficiencies of school organizations.

avers should not be attributed. Like industry, the teaching profession felt it was being rushed about and expected to r Education and Science, said

do all sorts of things.

Mrs Williams said there were indications that literacy was beon of the Industrial Society ginning to improve after a sat she had had the same kind decline in the 1960s and early complaints from employers 1970s. She suspected that part Germany, which had a very of the reason for that decline was "the general retreat from a strict adherence to grammar and speking which ranged from advertising to the BBC news bulletins. We have all of us

change and from the rais- to devote attention to preparing of the leaving age. Those workers for industrial democig of the leaving age. Those

Schools urged to foster 'morality

of delivery dates' By Robert Doe, of The Times Educational Supplement

Schools should encourage comperition, discipline, biblical morality and "the morality of delivery dates". Mr Thomas Howarth, senior tutor at Magdalene College, Cambridge, said yesterday.
He was addressing

audience invited to the House of Commons by Mr Norman St John-Stevas. "Appropriate parts" of the Bible should be made central to the curriculum.
The classroom "should be a place where results are expec-ted against a certain time schedule". Children should learn "that your second best is not good enough".

Poultry producers attack EEC egg grading plan

British poultry producers called yesterday for postpone-ment of EEC rules that would

cost more than £35m to adopt. Mr T. J. Aley, secretary of the British Poultry Federation, said: "There are so many Eurocrats churning out stuff that we want them to have a close season, so to speak."

Mr Leonard Wright, the chairman, complained of "a deluge of legislation which is descending on the poultry industry". He said at the annual meet-

British egg grades with seven metric sizes. Sizes do not correspond exactly to any of the grades, of which large, medium and standard are the best

The metric sizes will be identified at first by colours to reduce confusion among grocers and shoppers. Mr Wright said the industry would have to comply with new EEC rules on hygiene in slaughterhouses. methods of cooling dead birds, and on the amount of water allowed in frozen broiler chickens.

The federation decided to

New road will circumvent Exeter by-pass

Holiday motorists will enjoy much fasted travel to and from the West Country when a new 31 mile stretch of motorway around Exeter is opened by Mr Callaghan next Friday, The old Exeter by pass to which the new road is an alternative, has been one of Britain's worst bottlenecks. Even last yead with substantial lengths of motorway open to the north there were delays of up to hours around Taunton and Exeter during July and

August.
The new by-pass, which cost £15m, makes possible for the fire time a clear dun by motorway from London in the east and Carlisle in the north to

ing of the federation that egg appeal to the Government to farmers and packers had press for a delay in the imposition of the new rules. and extend it from three to four years", Mr Logan urged. Performance is one way to shorten a journey. Comfort is another.





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Unions and judiciary: Mr Foot was speaking of past: PM thinks he did not go far enough

the Council, was not referring to the judges of today, Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, said.

He was answering a question by
Mr Robin Hodgson (Walsali,

North, C) who said: Can he explain the logic of the position by which one set of people—the judiciary—are criticized for carrying out their duties and another set—the Post Office workers—are to be legally exempted from the consequences of failing to carry out heir duties? (Conservative

Mr Callaghan—I am not aware of any criticism of the judges. (Conservative cries of "Oh") What I understand is that there was an historical exegesis which Mr Foot entered into when addressing a trade union conferfar enough.

What he should have said was

""" this That trade something like this: That trade unionists "are enmeshed, bar-assed, worried, and checked ar-every step and turn by all kinds of legal decisions". If only he had used Sir Winston Churchill's lan-guage, I might have been more in agreement with him. (Loud Labour

Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, Con.)—I do not know which reports the Prime Minister has read. Is he not aware that, accord-ing to some, which purported to be verbatim the Lord President's

country had been left to the fair-mindedness of judges we would have precious little freedom in this This is meant to be a paraphrase of The Guardian report. I believe it to be accurate.
It should be wholly repudiated.
It was a totally disgraceful remark
to have made. (Conservative

Mr Callaghan—I am satisfied, as one who has been a trade unionist all his life, that what he was refermovement.

If Mrs Thatcher is not aware, I will remind her of the history of this matter in which after the repeal of the combination laws men were sentenced and transported to Australia, and in which in the middle of the last century there was a judgment by the courts which pretty well left it to any trade union official to abscond

There was the Taff Vale railway case of 1911, and the Osborne judgment. 's Thancher and the case of 1.7 and the coporate judgment. 's Thatcher and the Conservati Party had better understand that the trade union movement knows where it stands on these matters. (Labour cheers.) Mrs Thatcher-The Prime Minister's remarks will satisfy very few people, in view of the other com-ments made by the Lord President in the past in this House about her

Mr Callaghan-The judges today were not referred to by Mr Foot in his remarks, and any note in his remarks, and any attempt to try to suggest that is totally false. Anybody who knows the history of the trade union movement and the relations between them and the courts knows what the clumbing its courts knows.

As to the position today, Mr Foot cast no reflection on the judges at all. That was made clear by the Lord Channell tr clear again today. This is another red herring. (Labour shouts of "Blue herring".) I say to Labour MPs: this is what we are going to get more and more. (Labour cheers.) (Labour cheers.)
Mr Enoch Powell (Down, South, UUUC)—One of the most fruitful, and important aspects of the sovereignty of this House is its right to alter the existing law as established by the decisions of the courts at any time. This is one of the reasons why a Bill of Rights is incompatible with the free constitution of this country. (Labour Labour Chabour Cha

have quoted, which are value unloaded in the heart of every trade unloaded who has been brought up in our movement, is that it has been Par-liament which has had to be in the past in this House about her Majesty's judges.

May I ask if he and each and every member of his Government which has had to be brought in on every occasion to deal with the interpretations of the law that the judges have given.

Mr Callaghan sees little reason to doubt forecast of fall in rate of inflation this year

Minister on inflation, Mr Geoffrey Pattle (Chertsey and Walton, C) said that in a speech at Tunbridge Wells on April 30, the Prime Minister had said: "We are now whothing the battle against infla-Mr Callaghan-It would take too.

answer. I do not believe that issu-ing an utilization in that sense would serve a useful purpose. As inflation by the Chancellor's method (Mr Partie continued) was Mr Partie made a fair point as the performance by the Chancellor and other ministers on this has been a long series of terminological inexactitudes. Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)-8.4 per cent in December 1974 and after two and a half years the Government have brought the rate up to 19.9 per cent, why should anyone believe that?

anyone believe that?

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I do not know whether that question is worth answering. (Conservative protests.) Any question which ends "Why should anyone believe it" is bardly worth answering Actuales.

Mr Callaghan—In fact, inflation is declining and will continue to decline, since the period of the pay policy. I assume the Opposition agree these figures, whatever they think about the future.

I and others have explained this on a number of occasions and that is why I wonder whether people listen. Since the autumn we have been in a period of temporary hardly worth answering because apparently no one will believe it. The forecasts and policies of the Government show a turndown in the rate of inflation which will continue in the second half of this year and in the first quarter of next. I accept the forecast because I think it is genuinely based and I invite Mr Patrie to believe it, too.

Mr Rouald Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—Two of the major factors in inflation in Britain are membership of the Common Market and the devaluation of steeling. Will be issue an ultimatum to the Community that unless they scrap the CAP Britain will get out?

Will be comment on the Bank of about the future of the pay policy, because the future of all the country is bound up in this. The Government have taken hard and tough decisions and that has resulted in considerable loss of resulted in considerable loss of popularity which we have to withstand, but I see no reason why the Conservatives should not admit that those policies are necessary for the country to combat hyperinflation. Will be comment on the Bank of England's handling of sterling because it is responsible for the

Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, East, Lab)—The large number of frenetic estacks recently by the Opposition suggest that they at least accept that the intracound is

Mr Callaghan—It is worth noting that last Friday there was pub-lished news of record trade figures although it did not receive much space in some portions of the press. The House will welcome a surplus of fillm on the current

anscipated and it followed a sur-plus and a small deficit in the previous two months. The last quarter, therefore, this country has been running a surplus on its halance of payments.

This is associated with considerable strength of sterling and follows a fall in interest rates which was followed by a reduction in mortgage interest rates. Let us acknowledge some of the things that are going right. (Labour cheers.)

Sir David Renton (Huntingdon-shire, C)—In each of the last three years the Prime Minister of the day, the Chancellor of the Exday, the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer, or both, have given the House and country an indication that inflation would fall. It did toot fall in any of those three years, and why should the Prime Minis-ter's statement today be accepted any more readily than the state-ments made previously?

majority, would ensure that their DLOs were efficient.

This Bill did finally establish in a Bill the extension of construction powers for local authorities outside their own areas. For these reasons, the Opposition were unhappy about it.

All parties agreed that the recent accounting principles and

present accounting principles and procedures were wrong, and he did not see why these matters could

not have been brought in at this stage in this Bill. The House was not overburdened with legislation. There were many horror stories

Mr Robert Mellish (Southwark, Bermondsey, Lab) said there was a danger in any local authority

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight.

time of high unemployment in the construction industry. He would honour the agreement which the Liberals had with the Government and support the Bill on second

reading.

Mr Stanley Crowther (Rotherham, lab) said the lump still lived in private enterprise building. When it came to fair competition the dice was loaded against the local authorities rather than in favour of them.

ing industry, the licences to work for the small builders under the 714 certificate procedure. Buormous damage was being done to thousands of small businesses up and down the country.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said there could be efficient direct works departments and there could be inefficient direct works departments. There could

there could be inefficient direct works departments. There could be efficient private enterprise companies and there could be inefficient private enterprise companies. He had been chairman of a works department in Liverpool. He was responsible for its creation. When he was chairman they made money; when he came to the House of Commons for some unknown reason they started to lose money.

reading.

again. I am not sure whether it will be. If he does not wish to believe the forecasts that is his night, but us wait and see what happens. Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—Does he accept that even for those of us who hope the rate of inflation is falling, forecasts of the nutsuod is raining, forecasts of the rate of inflation are a chancy busi-ness? The fall is by no means as certain as the Prime Minister has indicated.

Is he saving that unless the Government are successful in obtaining a severe and stringem pay policy, his forecasts will be proved wrong? Are the Government doing enough to obtain that new policy?

pay poncy:

Mr Callaghan—I would put it the
other way round and say that a
further round of pay policy will
help us to get inflation down. I
would not put it the way Mr Pardoe does—that if we do not get it It is the impact of the current pay policy under Phase Two that will be felt during the second half of this year and the first part of 1978 because agreements ar

If sterling maintains its strength I can say with a reasonable degree of confidence that the forecasts are

Danger for a stagile aircraft flying from Gibraltar

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) significant that we drawn or modified the respirity imposed by them on the way Spanish air space by British. Spanish air space of meaning aircraft using Gibraian sirpon.
Lord Oram, Lord in Walling regret that the Algedra, and blied zode which applies to aircraft of all nationalities remains of all nationalities remains. of all nanonalmes remains force. It is of particular cooking Britain since it imposes limited on the appreach to landing it take-off manoeuvres of and using Gibraltur. The mark been discussed with the Spart authorities on various occasion but it has not up to how to possible to secure any relaxanted Lord Boyd-Carpenter. These Lord Boyd-Carpenter-There. Western Europe in augus he can dient to point out to their in until they cease to interest as access to a loyal British they they can hardly hope for any is provement in relations with as Lord Oram—On the second can agree. That point is put to be periodically very strongly by a Government. On safety, it does constitute a serious additional safety hazard.

Lord Boyd Carpenter ____ Lord Boyd Carpenier. In manoeuvre involving a sharp in just before landing or just at the off must erode the marging safety, in as much as if any on problems arise there is less may of safety to rely on. That is view of the CAA. Lord Oram—I accept the way now purs it. There is obviously that point an additional working on the pilot in making the in

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Request for hydrogen bomb debate refused

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate to discuss the Government's development of new

He said that in *The Guardian* today there was a report headed "UK H-bomb plans go ahead". It stated that scientists at Aldermas ton were working on a miniature H-bomb and new Polaris wathead In the Daily Mail today there was another report under the headtine "Mulley confirms new H-bombs". In this report the minister refused to confirm or deny a report that the Government were trying to beat an expected ban on all nuclear tests, including tivse undereround. .

occupying the front page of the Daily Mail yesterday headed "Secret H-bomb race, Britain acts to beat ban". It stated that the test or Nevada of a highly advanced H-bomb prototype was planted and had been advanced several months and was expected soon. kept secret and made without any revious appouncement to

to believe that the British Government were planning a further test at Nevada, because when the former Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Rov Mason) was

The marter was urgent Negotia-tions between President Carter and Mr Brezhnev to stop all nuclear test explosions were under way. Their prospects might well be damaged by such a test. It under-mined and conflicted with Presi-dent Carter's declared aims. It was vial that detente extended. Development of nuclear weapons increased international tension and undermined the non-proliferation treaty. A practical step towards stopping the nuclear

arms race was to stop testing. This (he said) is important to every country but particularly to Britain, a small thicky populated territory. We are a sitting duck and could not use this suicide weapon because we would be

Office developments in which no more than 200 to 300 people are employed are to be exempted from Office Development Permit control, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced in introducing the Control of Office Development.

He should shortly lay before Par-liament an order increasing the exemption limit for ODPs from 15,000 to 30,000 square feet. This would lift control from some 55 per cent of the number of appli-

cations the department were currently receiving.

He said the Bill's main purpose

was to provide for the continuation of the office development control

powers for a further period of five years from August 5, 1977. Now the time had come for fur-ther renewal of the powers he had to consider changed circumstances

and the contemporary policy objectives that office control

Prejudice stops girls becoming engineers

There was prejudice in industry profession. Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, said during question time exchanges about steps being taken to encourage the study of engineering at school and in fur-ther education institutions.

Air Oakes (Widnes, Lab) said that the Secretary of State (Mrs Shirley Williams) was altering the awards arrangements and examining the possibility of a scholarships scheme with the aim of attracting more able students into engineering and other courses of value to industry.

The University Grants Commit-tee, the Council for National Aca-demic Awards and the Technician Education Council were reviewing the structure and content of engineering courses with the needs of students and industry in mind. In the schools, the Secretary of State attached greater importance to improving the teaching of math-ematics and physics than to the development of engineering as a separate subject.

Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon, C)— For several months I and Labour MPs have been trying to get the Secretary of State and ministers of the Department of Industry to release for MPs a most effective document the best analysis of this document, the best analysis of this problem and the result of a joint working party between depart-ments of education, industry and management.

Why, given the great debate, is it that only MPs seem to be

many other people have access to Would he at least release the statistical appendices so that we can see the terms of reference and

the hard information before we can debate effectively what he is doing? Mr Oakes-The document is to be published. I welcome the initiative Mr Hampson has taken. It is not a

party political matter. It is some-thing the nation needs. Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—In areas of inner city depri-vation like Brent South where we have excellent schools of engineering, in recent years a big gap has been created between apprentice-ship schemes in local engineering more experience teachers have the graduates that emerge from the colleges.

Will he have discussions with Mr Peter Shore said in a written more experience teachers have the aspects that will be discussed in the forth-coming Green Paper on education.

Addresses from Parliament.

Mr Peter Shore said in a written reply: I am arrenging to do so in consultation with the Lord Great that will be discussed in the forth-coming Green Paper on education.

Relaxation of office control in South-East:

new tasks for Location of Offices Bureau

Mr Oakes-The number of vacanto see that that gap is narrowed. Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C)—In view of the importance of encouraging better attitudes and experience of engineering among students in higher education, is he satisfied that the priority given by the Science Research Council to sponsoring engineering exercise and research projects in univerother scientific projects?

Mr Oakes—Yes. I am satisfied. We are always looking at ways in which the links between universities, polytechnics, schools and industry over engineering can be trenstelled.

Mr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab)—The greatest scope for increasing both the numbers and quality of recruitment to the engineering profession is with girls. There is a great deal of prejudice in industry and schools against the adoption of engineering Mr Oakes-There is a prejudice. It

is that girls do not realize the possibilities that may well be open to them in the engineering professions in the future. That is something on which there should be cooperation between industry and education. Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C)—The Engineering Employers' Federation are greatly concerned about the lack of know-

ledge and interest in secondary schools about engineering and Commerce.
While they themselves recognize While they themselves recognize they could have done more to bridge this gap and improve knowledge, would he say it would be a good thing if teachers could get out into industry as part of their courses before they qualify so that they do not go straight from school to college and college to school?

An overall limit sought on election expenses

The deposit which had to be paid by candidates in general elections had remained unchanged since 1918 and it should be increased from its present figure of £150, Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and Tamworth. Lab) said when he success fully sought leave to introduce his General Elections (Limitation of

He said the purpose of the Bill was to limit expenditure by political parties and other organizations connected with general elections; to provide publication of income and expenditure of such organizations. ncurred in connexion with ral elections; and to increase

By increasing the deposit, cer tain kinds of candidates might be penalized, but at the same time f150 was good value as a deposit and gave a lot of benefits. There was television and radio coverage, free postage, and free copies of the electoral register, which many commercial organizations would be received to be seen as the content of the second to be seen the content of the seen content to be seen the second to be seen the content to be seen the seen time. crateful to have.

While local expenditure in constituencies was controlled, there was no control over the amount of money that parties and their supporting organizations could spend

about half the total amount that they would be able to spend in their constituency campaigns. This would involve about 5500,000 which was roughly what was spent by the two main parties at the last election. This would avoid the sort of obscene expenditure involved in an American presidential election.

The Bill would provide for proper publication and audit of party Expenditure constituencies. fringe organizations supporting political parties would be included in the parties' account and subject to a maximum figure of £500,000.

Commemorative plaque

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Camden, Hampstead, C) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to arrange for a plaque to be set in the floor of Westminster Hall recording the visit of her Majesty on the occasion of receiving Loyal

Direct labour building powers restored to 25 district councils

Moving the second reading of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister of State for Housing am Construction (Brent, East, Lab) said it restored to 25 district councils in England and Wales power to do certain kinds of work by direct labour.

When the Local Government Art, 1972, was passed these authorities were, quite by accident, prevented from doing work within their boundaries on functions

their boundaries on functions which were transferred to county authorities, mainly highways and Statutory instruments were made powers of those authorities. These expired in March 31 so none of the

25 authorities could commue to carry out work for which agree-ments were signed before that The substantive clauses of the

the arrangements. It was a sensible measure which if not enacted speedily could lead to redundancies in direct labour organizations and impair their efficiency.

While this Bill is essential (he while this bit is essential (the said) it is far from being a comprehensive measure of the kind needed to produce a proper framework within which direct labour organizations should operate. The Government intended to introduce such a measure but the parliamensort a measure but the parliamen-tary situation prevented us from doing so. It gave rise to the Prime Minister's statement on March 23 in which he undertook that the Bill will be confined to the provisions that are required to protect the existing activities of the DLOs in

the light of local government re-organization.

The attitude of some Opposition MPs could hardly be said to be reasonable and sensible. They and some local authorities seemed to nal Bill to compel local authorities some local aumorites seemed to have only one arrinde, to close down DLOs. They proposed the destruction of established organi-zations and sacking of the staff. If they claimed their DLOs are tnefficient (he said) it is their job

inefficient (he said) it is their job to make them efficient.

The Government would, through the department's working party. continue to work on sound procedures for DLOs, some of which had started to adopt good accounting and tendering practices. The working party had concentrated on procedure for new construction, for publication of reports on performance and competitive tendering and he hoped that part of the workwould be completed by the summer.

mer.
Around the turn of the year (he said) we expect to complete sindlar work on repairs and maintenance which the Chartered Institute of the complete sindlands are supported to the chartered institute of the complete sindlands. tute of Public Finance Accountants have also been studying. They hope to publish their findings in ie summer. Action would be limited without

Action would be limited without legislation but the Government would take whatever action was open to them to improve the scope and efficiency of the DLOs. They accounted for about 3 per cent of construction output, mainly repairs and maintenance, employing 173,000 prople.

Direct labour organizations had a creditable record. It fill became certain people in the construction

a creditable record. It ill became certain people in the construction industry to criticize DLOs for inefficiency in the way that rather wild campaigning had indicated in recent months. They might do better to concentrate on putting their own house in order instead of wasting vast sums of money on expensive advertising campaigns against DLOs.

Mr Keith Speed, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Ashford, C) said Conservative

More teaching companies

to be launched

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) asked what steps the Secretary of State for Education and Science of State for Education and Science was taking to increase the number of teaching companies.

Mrs Shirley Williams (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—The Science Research Council and Department of Industry have already lannched live programmes and two more will be announced shortly. At least the interesting and polytechnics six universities and polytechnics are preparing further proposals in cooperation with interested com-

Wr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C)—What is a teaching company? Is it a gimmick or does it mean something? Mrs Williams-Perhaps the closest parallel would be something like a teaching hospital. The idea is that as part of their course of study a

as part of men course of singly a young man or woman at a university or polytechnic will engage in work at their own level within a firm, so that they would see in practice how research is applied.

Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under Secretary, Environment, said in a written reply: Up to April 30, 1977, 213 housing action areas had been declared in England and Wales.

Direct labour departments had to be organized in an efficient way. They needed the right type of management, the right type of supervisors, and also needed their buyers separate from the local treasury. They had to be compeditive. As far as was fumanly possible, direct works departments had to be run on a competitive hasis.

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C) said he had built up two building firms and he was in britishing tirms and he was in favour of direct labour, in certain circumstances. For a small maintenances contract, the machinery and paraphernalia necessary to send out a competitive tender to fit a new tap washer was quite stupid. Direct labour could do such sports.

about direct labour. There might be success stories, but until there was a proper accountancy how good or bad the organizations were would not be known. The minister had forgone a good opportunity of bringing in the accountancy procedure. worked for another authority it became the same as an outside contractor and they should be given better instructions of what to dure.

Had he done so the Government would have gone some little way to restoring the vast amount of credit they had lost with the industry. In its present form the Bill was unwanted, unnecessary and unhelptil and the House should reject it. —a specification, drawings and

because it made DLOs a permanent fixture and gave them an oppor-tunity to go into competition with

was a danger in any local authority starting from scratch and trying to implement a direct labour force, because no direct labour force could be efficient unless it had full use of the machinery essential for any good building work, like cranes and cement mixers.

Unless they were already available, the capital expenditure involved was enormous. He was, therefore, not one who would bitthely say that everyone should Mr Thomas Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring, Lab) said that as the Conservatives supported free enterprise, he could not under-stand why they were so fearful of competition from direct labour. Private enterprise had alwamally failed on occasions to measure up to its responsibilities.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C) said the deliberations of the working party on direct labour had not yet been made public. It was unfortunate that the Bill had been brought forward before the ministrate deliberations had been constant. therefore, not one was would blithely say that everyone should be encouraged to go for direct labour with private contractors willing and able to do the job. Some local authorities, however, had the machinery and had not been allowed to develop direct labour.

There was no intent in the origibrought forward before the manu-pleted, especially when it would have been possible simply to have laid another order.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said they must have sure ways of measuring the efficiency of direct labour and un-equivocal ways of removing from the scene those who were not effito have direct labour, but where its value could be proven and justified by accountancy methods, it should be encouraged. L) said it would not have been right to bring in a Bill vastly to extend direct labour activities at a

cient.

Mr Nichael Morris (Northampton, South, C), for the Opposition, said the industry was facing a severe slump. All that this Bill did was to ensure that there would be more unemployment in the private sector and more bankruptics. The Bill was an abuse of legislation. It was not a well thought out Bill; it was out of date; it was a holding operation.

Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Under Secretary, Environment (Durham, North-West, Lab) said they had once again heard the whole range once again nearto the whose range of doctrinaire arguments from those who were opposed to any form of public enterprise in the construction industry. The Conser-vative Party had added and abetted the campaign by the builders' organization.

authorities rather than in tavour of them:

Mr David Mitchell (Basingstoke, C) said it was a Bill designed to continue permanently something that was introduced originally on a five-year experimental basis. There were endless examples of unsatisfactory situations with direct labour organizations.

He saw direct labour linking with that other strack on the building industry, the licences to work for the small builders under the 714 certificate procedure. Enororganization.

He could talk until midnight givlog examples of private sector failure. When the construction industry was facing the most serious dustry was facing the most serious recession since the war continued, emphasis on failures in both sectors gave a distorted picture of what was happening up and down the country and caused irreparable harm to the standing of this vital industry. There were plenty of examples of competent management and hard working, skilled craftsmen with pride in their job. It would be illogical to attempt to introduce a comprehensive new financial system applying to all local authorities in the context of a Bill to remove an anomaly which affected only 25 of them.

The Bill was read a second time The Bill was read a second time by 186 votes to 161—Government majority, 25.

Two defeats for Government on Patents Bill

of Keigerran (L), on Schedule ((Application of the 1949 Act), moved amendments to broaden the scope of the Bill to cover patens granted up to 14 years ago install of 11 years ago install of 11 years ago, as had been proposed in the Bill, and to delegation the Bill the provision that patents after 16 years be reasted as endorsed under section 35 of the 1949 Act (Licences of right). The Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwin

Jones, said the proposals of Government in the Bill represe

right.
The first amendment was carried

by 87 votes to 51—majority against the Government, 36, and the second amendment was carried by 80 votes to 45—majority against the Government, 32 the Government, 35.

The Bill was read the third time and passed. The Redundancy Rebates Bill v read a second time.
House adjourned, 9.20 pm.

Free meals for teachers on school duty

House of Commons The Government would offer indicate to local education angled ites on school meals economic probably towards the end of the summer. Miss Margaret Jacken, Under Secretary for Education and Science, and

Science, said.

Mr Timothy Rathbone (Least, Cl laid asked what steps were being considered to reduce the 122m or subsidizing reacher meals. III. schools.

Miss Jackson (Lincoln, Lib)
Teachers exercising supervoluduring the midday break performs
valuable service and it wooddaw wrong to consider in isolation in cost of subsidizing their mests Mr Rathbone-I welcome the mor-Mr Rathbone—I welcome the five-pect of guidance to save mino-needed for other parts of the size cational system but can she get this a bit of a heave because sur-week ther goes by means more go more money wasted down its particular guillet. (Laughter.)

Miss Jackson Some contest the need for a school meals service by I do not agree. If teachers are performing duties they have right under the 1968 agreement to receive a meal. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, cite opposition spokesman on education (Chelmsford, C) said that although these meals were technically free for teachers, teachers, so then in results for the contraction. got them in return for supervising the children's breaks. If the withdrew their services, there would be extra heavy expense or the school meals service would have to be abandoned.

Science report

Biology: Interplanetary infection

Precautions are taken to prevent the infection of other planets with microbial life from Earth although, according to a team of American scientists, no terrestrial organism would have had a chance of surviving on those planets visited so far. Titan, one of the moons of Saturn, which is the next stop for

the American Mariner programme, may be a little more hospitable. According to Dr L. Margulis, of Boston University, who has been doing both planetary and biolo-gical calculations with colleagues gical carculations with conteagues in biological and astrophysical laboratories, there is a rare micro-organism that might be worth testing in simulated Titamic conditions.

The main conclusion drawn by the team from their investigations, which have involved collating evidence on minimum conditions for growth of micro-organisms and for grown of nucro-organisms and the construction of probable and improbable models of planetary amospheres, is that the quarantine regulations for out-going spacecraft are unrealistic. They are based on the hypothetical probability of survival and growth of microbes, without reference to

specific organisms or conditions of growth. Dr Margulis and her colleagues have tried some more concrete calculations for Uranus and Neptune, and they believe the probability of contamination by terratival organisms is mi There is some doubt about the exact characteristics of the atmosphere of Uranus and that of Neptune, which is similar. Bur what Dr Margulls and her collaborators did was to select the possibility that would give micro-organisms the best chance of survival. by terrestrial organisms is mil.

ht turned out that in those cir-

It turned out that in those circumstances the only way a microbe could grow would be m possible multiply very rapidly in an aerosol of they water drops, the only possible source of liquid water, in one particular layer of the planet's atmosphere. The microbe would have to multiply very rapidly indeed, because the atmosphere would be subject to strong convection currents, which would sweep the microbe within days down into lower atmospheric layers in which both temperature and pressure would kill it immediately.

Even then, not enough sunlight

would be available either to purific energy for the microbe of to induce the production of organic material for it to feed on; and the ammonia concentration would probably be leftled. Microbes have, in any case, performs the mount to grow in servous. the the Less is known about Than the that about Urams and Neptune is the transition of the transition her coffeagues suggest that it would be worthwhile shoulding possible Thank amospheres her on Earth to see if they could sustain the growth of threshill organisms found in methan-rich environments. However, those organisms found in methalicities environments. However, those bacteria have proved hard to great in laboratory conditions calculated to suit them; so it seems malked that they could cope with more astringent conditions. Nature-Times News Service. Source : Icarus, 30, 793 ; 1971 Nature-Times News Service.

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Should serve.
Congestion was no longer a
major problem in central London. There were still not enough places of office employment outside the south-east of England. The Government were determined to do all they could to help the country's declining inner city areas, including those of London. The relocation of offices could help although the extent of help would have been city to the would vary from city to city.

The sort of benefits to be expected from the relocation of

offices to needy areas were, in the short term, new jobs for people living in the area and in the longer term a widening of the economic and social make up of these areas by providing a greater range of employment opportunities. He wanted to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy and to confine control to the larger and more mobile office developments. He had decided to confine the operation of impertance and to exempt developments in which no more than two to 300 people were employed. Accordingly he had mode, and

would shortly lay before Parlia-ment, an order increasing the exemption limit for ODPs from

15,000 to 30,000 square feet. This would lift control from some 55 per cept of the number of appli-

cations his department were cur-rently receiving.

Not only (he said) will this con-fine control to the size of develop-ment which is of most importance

location and office moves. It had time had come to scrap the ODP also provided valuable guidance to system altogether or at least let it death. They could not support the Not only (he said) will this con-fine control to the size of develop-ment which is of most importance and most likely to be mobile, but it will help the construction industry by allowing a number of small to medium projects to go chead.

I am sure this will be welcomed by the construction industry whose problems we are, and should be, acutely aware of.

It would also help the property market. When the economy picked up again it would be reasonable to expect an uphurn in demand for new and better offices. This situaby allowing a number of small to

expect an upturn in demand for new and better offices. This situa-tion would require continuous monitoring if they were to get the policy right. In view of the time involved between seeking an ODP and completion of the building they must try to avoid the danger of the supply of new offices lag-ging behind demand with the con-sequent inflationary effect upon rates.

rates.

In addition, therefore, he intended to give permits for a limited number of speculative office buildings in inner London.

In selecting schemes for approval he would be looking for those which made a strong contribution to the regeneration of the inner urban areas which required interved job opportunities and physical renewal.

ical renewal.

I have the said) today granted an ODP for the development of 180,000 square feet of office space which forms part of the redevelopment of the approach to Clapham Junction Station in Wandsworth. This project will bring about a substrated improvement to an acceptance of the superior of the approach to a substrated improvement. substantial improvement to an important inner city area and provide aport from the offices. new shops, a car park, sports centre and public square. Apart from measured relaxations

to assist inner London, the control to assist inner London, the control would continue as at present, namely that ODPs would only be available to provide offices for firms which could demonstrate they had a tie with the area.

In a statement just before Easter about inner city policy he had said he had in mind a change in the direction of the Location of Offices Burcau's activities. Bureau's activities.
Its advisory service had provided London's management with infor-mation on all aspects of office

But up to now the emphasis of the bureau's work had been on decentralization from London. According to its terms of reference it was "the decentralization and diversion of office employment from congested areas in central london outside London who knew their own areas and problems." the bureau's work had been on decentralization from London. According to its terms of reference it was "the decentralization and diversion of office employment from congested areas in central London to suitable centres else-where ". This remit (he said) clearly

This remit (he said) clearly needs revision. In particular I propose to give it two new tasks: attracting international concerns so that they locate office employment in Great Britain, including London; and giving particular attention to the promotion of office employment in inner urban areas, including London as well.

This involves broadening the This involves broadening the this involves broadening the bureau's terms of reference to promoting the better distribution of office employment throughout the country. I shall shortly lay before the House a draft Order in Council to give effect to this change.

The Bill also provided for some minor technical amendments to

the existing legislation. Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Haringey, Hornsey, C) said the Opposition welcomed all that Mr Shore had said regarding his new policy, especially that he had had recognition for the difficulties of the construction industry, and the proposals to try to revitalize inner city areas.

In terms of creating jobs in assisted areas the ODPs had not been a signal success. The only real success had been by the Government decentralizing their offices and there was currently dispute with the unions over the 31,000 civil servants who did not wish to leave the London area.

The closer the operation of ODPs was examined the greater the wonder that the system had been allowed to remain for so long. ODPs had created more problems than they had solved. Even the relaxations would not go sufficiently far to help deal with some of the problems which had been created by past practices. The Opposition took the view that the

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab) said they should be locating resources to those areas where they were needed, the north-west or north-east. The minister should consider building advance offices as a variant of the advance factory policy.

Mr Graham Page, for the Opposi-tion (Crosby, C) said if the Secre-tary of State wanted a central con-trol or some supervision of office development in the south-east if development in the south-east if that office development exceeded 30,000 square feet he could disband the ODP system altogether and issue a directive that he would wish to call in any planning application for that kind of planning. The advantage of that was that there would be no need for a separate department in the Department of the Environment and no need for application for these per-

mits b dered. Sir Guy Barnett, Under Secretary for the Environment (Greenwich, Lab) said the Government could not be accused of continuing a form of control which was highly expensive. Some kind of location of offices

policy must be continued. One rea-son for that was that there was an unfair balance of employment in different parts of the country which they should attempt to cor-The Bill was reed a second time by 155 votes to 121—Government majority, 34.

Parliamentary notices

Today at 2 for Detate on Belgrade meeting on Brisishl Flaal Act. Detate on EEC documents on sulphur in oil.

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on religious
education.

House of Commons

Housing action areas

rcraft French opposition parties manage ving front preserve fragile unity ibraltal despite disagreements over policy rum Charles Hargrove gramme for three years if the M Robert Fabre, the Radical Company rum Charles Hargrove gramme for three years if the M Robert Fabre, the Radical Rad

rom Charles Hargrove

aris, May 17 a The meeting of the leaders of the three French opposition varties, which took place today the headquarters of the left-ing Radical Party, had been apected to be one of the rough-it in the varied life of the nion of the Left since the gnature of the comman pro-amme in 1972.

However, the left has once gain shown its resilience, even the face of recent tensions tween Socialists and Communis, and has belied the hopes
is, the Government, which
ought that today's meeting
ould show a disintegration of

fr. wing unity.

The meeting which lasted ur and a half hours, was lied to plan the updating of programme drafted five years to and acknowledged by all its uthors to be no longer in tune th political, social and econo-

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n plan. The two sides were mparing plans today and set of tomorrow aside for fur-er discussion. Details of the

ins have not been disclosed.

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The mions claim they are

on the ere of his relevision debate with M Barre the Prime Minister. His rejection of the Communist estimates in the

Communist estimates in the cours of the debate was not appreciated by M Marchais, the Communist leader.

However, if there was blund talk behind closed doors and M Minterrand had said on telewison that he would speak as plainly to M Marchais as he did to the Prime Mintster—it was not apparent from the effi. was not apparent from the effi-

cial communiqué issued afterwards.
M Marchais said that the meeting find been very "relaxed" and that "nobody or and acknowledged by all its thors to be no longer in tune the political, social and econocic developments.

The discussions were clouded the Communist Party's unpected publication 10 days of the estimated high cost applying the common pro-

gramme for three years if the M Robert Fabre, the Radical left won the parliamentary electrons deader, did, however, confirm tions in March, 1978. the opposition of the Committee and the common programme siderable embarrassment to M of the common programme Mitterrand, the socialist leader. A working party of five on the eve of his relevision members from all three parties on the eve of his relevision members from all three parties was set up to complete the updating of the programme on the basis of proposals already put forward.

The Communists appear satisfied merely to have scored a point over the Socialists by publishing their estimate, and to have publicly established their claim to be the most active defenders of working class

There is nothing to suggest that the Communists are no longer interested in a secondary role if the Socialists took role if the Socialists moke power, or that their publication of the programme costs was an attempt to break up the Union of the Left. But in the next few mouths they will ensure that their views receive the maximum publicity, whatever compromises they have to accept, in order to redress the balance of popular support in their favour at the polls.

fisheries, had originally pro-

posed that the ban on herring

fishing in the North Sea should be prolonged until the end of the year. This proposal had the support only of the British and

Mr Silkin indicated at the

press conference that all EEC

members other than Britain and Ireland would be likely to oppose a continuation of the herning ban after June 30 and

would press instead for the set-ting of limited cauch quotes.

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Mr Edward Heath with Anneliese Rothenberger, the German singer, in Hamburg. He is to appear on her television show.

Berlingske alks are inal, The eating of Mantjes (salted raw herring) in June is an ancient custom in Holland, a barrel of fish being ceremon-From Michael Hornsby ditor says om Our Correspondent least penhagen, May 17 Brussels, May 17

After three and a half months conflict, the Berlinske dende management and inting staff were today inting the described final negotiations.

These, it was said, would her allow the 228-year-old wspaper to reappear in its esent form or lead to drastic is, among them the dismissal the entire printing staff of arly 1,000.

Mr Henning Fonsmark, the itor, has admitted that the erlingske house, which proteed a quarter of the untry's pewspapers before At that meeting the ministers would also discuss the European e dispute began on January, cannot hold out much nger. These talks were def-itely the last. He refuses to accept "any riher pseudo-negoriations" e says: "If there is no prosect of agreement with the inting employees we must art production again in other way. All we are asking to be able to make our first.

The only country exempt from the ban on the fishing of North Sea herring will be Holland. It will be allowed to catch some 1,500 tolines of the fish during June. Many bours of to be able to make our five-wspapers for about the same deficate negotiation were re-quired before this special dis-pensation could be agreed. Spokesmen for the printing if complain that the condins offered by the management in earlier negociations re "inhuman" and they

The Nine have also agreed that the intensity of fishing for herring in areas outside the North Sea, off the west coast of Ireland and in the Celtic Sea, should be held to its present level until the end of June. Future policy for these zones will also be decided at the June 27 meeting.

VAT regulation From Our Own Correspondent

Nine agree on

common

Brussels, May 17 The EEC's Council of Minishave moderated their tone ce Mr Henning Bjerg chair n of the typographers ion, said two weeks agu that which their even if it meant the s of the Berkingske count as a place of emolowment. the beginning of next year.

From January 1, the EEC budget is due to be financed entirely from "own resources" t as impatient as the nagement to get back to k but admit that there is a siderable difference been their estimate and Berlike's of birds. that is from the customs duties on industrial imports, the levies on agricultural imports and up to 1 per cent of the revenue from VAT.

Lack of agreement on a com-mon assessment base for VAT had hitherto jeopardized the prospects of adhering to the deadline for the introduction of "own resources". Biltain had let it be known that unless ske's of how many printers needed. or a brief period last nth Berlingske Tidende was dished in reduced size with help of works supervisors, this led to violent demontions outside the building.
3 assistance of the police there was agreement on the VAT regulation by today it needed to get the newsver distributed.

o give the new negotiations avourable start, publication this emergency edition was pended.

VAI regulation by today, it would be roo late to include the relevant clauses in the Finance Bill now before the House of Commons, which would postpended.

Nine extend herring ban in North Sea

The Nine have agreed to extend until June 30 the ban on the fishing of herring in the North Sea, which had been due to expire at the end of this month. Herring fishing is also to be probabited for the first time off the west coast of Scotland. likewise until the end of isly presented to Queen Juliana at the beginning of the season. Other EEC countries eventually accepted that it would be churlish to deprive the Dutch of this traditional delicacy. Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the land, likewise until the end of commissioner responsible for

Speaking at a press conference early today after a meeting of EEC ministers of egriculture, Mr John Silkin, who was in the chair, said that the measures to be taken after June would be considered at a special meeting of the Nine in Laxembourg on June 27. bourg on June 27.

Commission's proposels for the long-term revision of the Community's common fisheries policy, which have been awaiting serious examination since the end of last year.

German defence of duty-free butter ships

Brussels, May 7.—Herr Josef Ertil, the West German Minister of Agriculture, today warmed his EEC colleagues out to temper with the desty-free state of builder on pass ships operating out of German

Williams of Germans every year take advantage of the system to buy Polish butter at one-third the EEC puice on excursion speamers and ferrier. The European Commission

Ar a meeting of EEC minis-ters of agriculture here, Mr Finn Olay Gundelsch, the com-missioner responsible for agri-culture, proposed that the system of butter ships." system of "butter ships" should be abolished at the end of 1978. Herr Erty said that West

Germany was ready to discuss the abolition, but only as part of an overall scheme to phase-out duty-free stops chroughout the Community. The issue was shelved.—Reuter.

Bomb blast before Mondale visit

From Our Correspondent Madrid, May 17

A bomb damaged the Ameri can Cultural Centre here early today a few hours before Vice-President Walter Mondale arrived in Madrid for talks with Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, and

King Juan Carlos. The bomb

caused extensive damage to

moons in the centre. Two guards were slightly injured. The newspaper El Pais received a telephone call later in the morning from the Revolutionary and Amifascist Groups of the First of October (Grapo) claiming responsibility for the explosion. Grapo was respon sible for kidnapping two import ent figures of the Franco regime

earlier this year. Mr Mondale said on arrival at Barajas airport, Madrid, that he was "thrilled and excited by the developments towards a democratic society taking place in Spain. He said that there was a new confidence in democracy around the world. What was happening in Spain was proof that democracy was not on the decline but rather

on the offensive. Mr Mondale is leading American politician to visit Spain in a week Last week Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State attended the first meeting of the Spanish-American committee set up after a treaty of cooperation and friendship was signed last year between the two countries.

Mr Mondale said that rela-tions between Spain and the United States were on "a strong, firm, friendly and cooperative basis".

In the Basque region most workers returned to work today after yesterday's general strike which brought the four Basque provinces to a halt. Basque political parties are to meet to decide whether to boycott next monits's general elections if the Covernment does not great a Government does not grant a total amnesty by the time official campaigning starts in a week's time. The Basque Nationalist Party has appealed to King Juan Carlos to grant a total amnesty.

Authorities fear that the Basque separatist organization ETA will start a canapaign of violence again unless something is done about an amoesty.

Nato nations urged to pay more for defence

Brown, the United States Secretary of Defence, told America's European allies today that President Carter expects National Car member countries to make sub-stantial increases in defence spending.
American officials said Mr

Brown mld a meeting of defence ministers that the 15 alliance countries must increase defence budgets because of the steady modernization of the Soviet armed forces. Informed alliance sources said the United States has indicated informally that it wants a spending increase of around 3 per cent, although Mr Brown did not mention any

specific figure today.

Mr Brown told the defence ministers that the alliance should develop a long-term pro-gramme to find solutions to its nost pressing military prob-

The programme, which would run for about 10 years, would include plans to increase the battlefield readiness of Nato's combat forces, especially against short-warning attack. Other subjects suitable for inclusion in the programme would be means of strengthening the alliance's reinforcement and electronic warfare capability as well as its sea power and air defences.

As well as the long-term pro-

the alliance should make a series of rapid improvements within the next year.

He also said more war stocks

especially ammunition, should be stored in Europe ready for instant use. The alliance must improve its ability to get rein-forcements quickly to where they were needed. they were needed Mr Brown said that the

United States was committed to buying more European-made weapons and military equip-ment. Hardware likely to be bought by the Americans included battlefield radios, radar-jamming devices, munitions, air defence systems and anti-tank weapons.

The alliance's most senior

military officer, General Her-man Zeiner Gundersen, of Norway, told the ministers that the Soviet Union remained committed to objectives that, if achieved, would make it the world's predominant power.
General Zeiner Gundersen,
new chairman of Nato's military
committee, said Soviet defence
spending had been increasing
at a rate of more than 4 per
cent a year in real terms

cent a year in real terms.

The Warsaw Pact's military capabilities were improving at a disturbing rate, especially in the deployment of new weapons systems, he added.—Reuter.

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Thousands of Israelis still undecided as voters go to polls

Jerusalem, May 17

Nearly half a million of Israel's 2,236,293 voters were estimated to be still undecided

which party to support when polling stations opened today, and party leaders feared that abstentions would be higher than in 1973. Last-minute opinion samples put the ruling Labour Align-ment almost neck-and-neck

with the right-wing Likud Parry, which has gained support in the campaign's closing stages. But the large floating vote was expected to increase the showing of the Democratic Movement for change, the new party headed by Professor Yigael Yadia. Polling stations were due to

ciose ar 11 pm tonight. Early indications of party strength will be possible tomorrow, but the Central Elections Commitree will not disclose the com-position of the new Knesset until Friday.

The chief issues in voters' minds have been an inflation rate of about 40 per cent and the series of scandals in high places. But the general election bas international significance because the impression has been created that as soon as a new Israeli government is formed the United States

Government intends to resume efforts for peace in the Middle Whatever the result of the election, hopes of progress may prove illusory. Washing-ton correspondents of Israeli

may prove illusory. Washington correspondents of Israeli its first 45 places and the newspapers report that while claiming to stand aloof, State Department officials are "rooting for Shimon Peres and the Labour Alignment". They are said to fear that a Likud victory would lead to stalemate in the peace talks while a Labourled coalition would at least ern Europe.

consider negotiating with the Arabs on territorial conces-

This seems doubtful in view the expected closeness of the result. The Alignment probably will not be able to form a government without the Democratic Movement for Change and the National Religious Party. Both are making demands which the Alignment cannot meet without seriously compromising its election pro-

The Democratic Movement, while roughly in accord with Labour on peace and borders, is closer to Likud on home affairs and wants far-reaching internal reforms and a move to free enterprise. The National Religious Party will not sanc-tion withdrawal from any part of the West Bank.

If Labour fails, a "no concessions" government led by Mr Menahem Begin, of Likud, might be formed with the support of the Democratic Move-ment and the National Reli-gious Party, and one or two smaller parties taking a militant line on borders.

There could also be national government w There could also be a national government with Labour and Likud cooperating, but this would probably lead to a split in the Labour ranks and the withdrawal of the leftwing Mapam from the Align-

ment.
The alignment has a higher proportion of women among 11 in the top 60 on its list. Likud has only two women in

One fifth of Lebanon's officers want to go

have of Lebanon's officer corps have offered to resign under a three-month Army rebuilding scheme which ended at midnight, Defence Ministry sources said today.

Tight wing offensive in the south of the country which had received Israeli logistics support. Seventeen brigadiers and 48 colonels were with General Saeed on the south of the country which had received Israeli logistics support. Seventeen brigadiers and 48 colonels were with General Saeed on the south of the country which had received Israeli logistics support. said today. They said that Major-General Hanna Saeed, the former Army

Commander was among the 194 of the country's 945 officers who submitted resignations. The Army split into four factions during the civil war.

General Saced's authority was compromised earlier this

Under a special decree, aimed rebuilding the Army, the Government need not accept all the resignations offered and also has the power, over the next three months, to suspend any officer not on the list. It is hoped to have the skele-

ton of a new officer corps year when officers claiming ready for the reformed army allegiance to him directed the by the end of this year.—Reuter.





The growth of two classic styles of sherry.

Today, as you read your newspaper, white Palomino grapes are in their early stages of growth on the gently rolling hills around Jerez de la Frontera.

They will ripen slowly throughout the summer, and be ready for harvesting in September. Acritical time, for if picked too soon the harvest would not have reached its full potential; picked too late and the grapes would have withered in the heat of the Spanish sun.

After harvesting the grapes will be pressed then the mosto (juice) allowed to ferment freely for a while in casks within

the cool, vaulted bodegas.

Certain mostos will develop flor (yeast on the surface of the young wine), others will not. Only those that do will ultimately become finos or amontillados.

The classic fino is very light in colour and very dry to taste, with a delicate bouquet. Luncheon Dry is just such a fino, and is best served lightly chilled as it is in Jerezitself.

The classic amoutilladois richer in colour and medium dry to taste, having taken on a particular nuttiness of the wood. Such is the character of Club Amontillado.

LUNCHEON DRY&CLUB AMONTILLADO from Harveys of Bristol

russels 'inquisition' of ritish commissioner m Our Own Correspondent their own attacks on Mr Seels May 17 Tugendhat, who later admitted

sels, May 17 is now the EEC commis-ter in charge of the budget, hauled over the coals to-by agriculture ministers of Nine for the sharp critiis he made earlier this the of their role in this year's

price sertlement. here could recall no prece-Mr Tugendhat was sim-ed to appear before the culture ministers and quesed for an how and half. He sed to retract his remarks, igh he expressed regret that e of the words he had used it have been taken "to imit the honour" of ministers. te offending speech was e by Mr Tugendhat on May the European Movement russels. In it he accused culture ministers of "a kly irresponsible attitude

who was the first to raise any other commissioner had matter, told Mr Ingendhat commented adversely on his it would be helpful if he speech until today.

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that "some very harsh words" were exchanged.

were exchanged.
Conspicuously absent from
the chorus calling for Mr
Tugendhat's head was the voice
of Mr Gavin Strang, the British delegate, whose more than sneaking sympathy for the commissioner's views is no secret in Brussels. Mr. John Silkin, the British minister, who was in the chair, was described as intrated and imparient with the whole

and impatient with the whole proceeding.
Unfortunately for Mr Tugendhat, he was also disowned by his fellow commissioner, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, who is in charge of agricultural policy. He told the ministers that he felt as slighted by Mr Tugendhat's criticisms as they did, since he had been the author of the compromise on which the year's farm price agreement had been based.
Claiming afterwards to have

rds cost", and suggested nothing but admiration for the this was because they con- way Mr Gundelach handled the was occause mey coned "their primary responity to be to support their
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cannot speak out on the budget,
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d mak eas apology. But Observers here detected a commissioner retorted that distinct whiff of witch-hunting as not his "intention to re in today's proceedings. After or make an act of abnet all, Mr Tugendhat had done no m". He considered that more than to echo, albeit in missioners should have the forceful terms, widely expressed the way in which

Oporto student shot during clash of political factions From Our Correspondent Lisbon, May 17

A student was shot in the leg and several policemen injured during a clash between left and right-wing factions in Oporto this afternoon. Student unrest in Portugal

has increased since Senhor Soctomayor Cardia, the Minister of Education, recently took measures to prevent the disruption of academic life, among the mine closing of Coimbra University last week.

This afternoon Coimbra students called a demonstration against the Minister's order, but local trade unions which had been asked to participate are understood to have refused to do so. A general university etrike on Thursday is now being organized.

followed student protests against the reinstatement of six professors who had been dismissed, ostensibly for political reasons, after the 1974 After a meeting of univer-sity professors yesterday a statement was issued describ-

ing the Minister's action as giving in to right-wing pres-The professors ex-their profound indignation and disquiet " and demandde the immediate reopening of the university. Portuguese universities have been beset by disorders, most for the last 15 years. Dr Caetano, the deposed Prime Minister, resigned his post as Rector of Lisbon University in 1962 when police entered the

university precincts without

his permission.

Gunmen seize radio station Ponta Delgada, Azores, May mainland. Police previously

17.—Three armed men took over a small radio station in these Portuguese islands in the Atlantic for a short time today and broadcast separatist propa-

The men chanted : " Long live the Azonan nation" for several minutes before police inter-vened Police refused to say if anyone had been arrested.
Earlier, increasing anni-Portuguese feelings surfaced when a mob burnt a car belonging to a university professor who had come to the islands from the

thought the car had been destroyed by a bomb blast. No one was injured. The Front for the Liberation of the Azores has been waging a campaign of demonstrations and

granted to the islands by the Lisbon Government instead of total independence. The latest violence started after troops, acting on the orders of President Eases, hanked down white and blue separatist flags in the islands.— Reitter.

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President Carter defends his caution on social reform and tries to placate liberal critics

From Fred Emery Washington, May 17

President Carter today flew to California to defend his caution in domestic policies, to reiterate his commitment to social reform but to warn his liberal critics in the Democratic Party: "We tan't afford to do

In his first visit to the nation's most populous state as President, he began an arduous day with an address to the United Autoworkers convention in Los Angeles. Mr Carter declared that unemployment and inflation must be attacked simul-taneously. "If we don't attack them together we won't be able to put a real dent in either." However, deflation was anothema to him. "I am un-

alterably opposed to fighting inflation by economic and budgetary policies which keep unemployment high and factories idle. That approach is economically ineffective."

He then added, for those libert who have been worried.

liberals who have been worried at his withdrawal of the original economic stimulus package: "If the recovery should falter during the years ahead I will propose the economic and budge-tary measures needed."

Peter Ramsbotham, the British Amhassador, is regarded in

Washington's limle world as one

of the wisest, most trusted

decades, Eric Sevareid, the CBS

news commentator, said tonight.

ersy in Britain over the appoint-

ment of Mr Peter Jay to replace Sir Peter, Mr Sevareid des-cribed Mr Jay as a "man en-dowed with many gifts—save,

possibly, self-effarement ".

Mr Sevareid said: "Americans are supposed to be loud, outspoken, unimbibited—the

Commenting on the controv-

Mr Carter recalled most of choices about how nounced everything to be on The President today did not

exactly meet the criticism. "We are siming to submit legislative proposals early next year", he

had opened up the Government. He said he had enjoyed doing who normally never met presi-dents and talking publicly about foreign matters that were formerly considered too secret and complicated for the ears of the American people".

In his speech to the union

He also vannted the way he

Carrer was characteristically undaunted by the domestic problems shead. But he wanted problems aread, But he wanted it to be very clear that he would stick to his declared approach. The problems could be solved, the country could be fiscally responsible and still satisfy the people's needs, he said, "if we remember that said," and the results are said.

tics, the reverse is the truth, abour it. Congressional debates are tea "Right

parties compared to the ferr-cious exchange of insults in the

ery went up in Grosvenor Square. It was denounced in the London press and Parliament— too big, too vulgar, too differ-

US commentator praises Sir Peter

New York, May 17.-Sir little worlds of press and poli-

of the wisest, most trusted House of Commons. The Fleet emissaries Britain has sent to Street press is raucouss com-

the United States in recent pared to American papers.

Mr Carter recalled most of choices about how to use our his election promises and pro-nounced everything to be on efficient government can translate our good intentions into actions that will improve the lives of our people".

Mr Carter had earlier explained that in aiming, by 1961, to try to bring soaring hospital mear's budget, which is controls but he made clear the overall reform would be drawn out, established only "during my time in office".

He clear the orderal governments budget, which is continually in large deficit, he was not some carbon copy of a Republican spending cutter. His programmes have occasionally the clear that the field of the control of the contro not some carbon copy of a Republican spending cutter. His programmes have occasionally been compared to Mr Ford's. His balance would mainly come from increased revenues, not

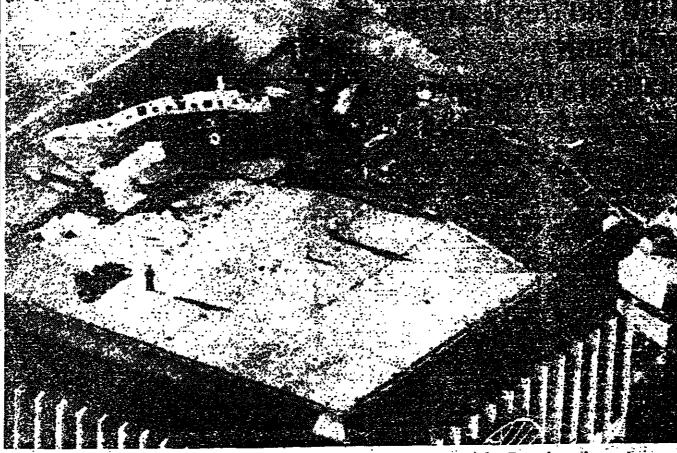
spending cuts, he said.

Air Carter also had special words about energy, his conservarion plan and petrol consumption, for this union of vehicle builders. It has been dis-gruntled over the "gas guzzler" rax proposed for large ineffici-ent cars, as well as dismayed by the rebates proposed for small cars, which would favour im-

ports.
The President boldly flattered them in saying: "I know you agree that the solution is not be solved, the country could be solved, the country could be satisfy responsible and still satisfy the people's needs, he said, "if we remember that nothing comes easily or quickly, in using our great American ingenuity to design and produce that we must make hard the right cars for the future."

America was silently polite

self-effacement.



Ferrying passengers by helicopter from New York's airports to the Pan American skyscraper in Manhattan has stopped after Monday's disaster in which five people died when a helicopter toppled over, its rotor still turning. In the photograph, rescue squads look at the wreckage.

President's tax Bill passed by Congress

From Our Own Correspondent

tries are exchanging ambassa-dors. They get Kingman Brewster of Yale, a gentleman who does no violence whatever to Washington, May 17 · President Carter's proposal to stimulate the economy by the diplomatic scenery-we get "A dozen years ago or so, a Peter Jay . . . a man endowed new American Embassy chanc- with many gifts, save, possibly, reducing taxes has at last got through Congress. The two houses finally approved the Bill "Again, ferocity in Fleet Street and Parliament over yesterday and Mr Carter will

sign it when he returns to Washington tomorrow. their man, not ours. Again restraint in Washington-be-"They have just built their new embassy chancery on Massachusetts Avenue, along what is possibly the loveliest stretch of street in America. It looked like a modernistic factory building Raycous —Reuter—Re Taxes on individuals and businesses will be cut by about 520,000m during the next three years. Originally, Mr Carter also wanted to give almost £30 also wanted to give almost 530 £65,290m. Mr Carter had asked to everyone, in a once and for for 565,823m but that figure all tax rebate. But the idea met was defeated in the Congress

and the President dropped it, saving the economy was-improving faster than expected and the rebate was unnecessary. It is thought that 46,000,000

taxpayers will pay £65 less in tax annually. Meanwhile, the joint commit-tee of the House of Representa-tives and Senate has agreed on Government spending levels for next fiscal year. In a compromise on defence spending the committee finally agreed on

Britain argues case for more talks on Africa From Nicholas Ashford

Maputo, May 17 Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said here today that Britain would work urgently to achieve peace-ful settlements in Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa) by

the end of next year.

Speaking first on hehalf of the countries of the European Economic Community and then on behalf of the British Govern-ment, he told the United Nations conference in support of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia: "The commitment is to majority rule in 1973. There can be no backshiding on that." Mr Rowlands's visit to Mapuro to attend the conterence has been widely criticized in Opposition circles in Britain. However, his speech today, while perhaps, containing slightly more "liberationist rhetoric" than might usually be heard in a House of Commons debate, was the epitome of moderation compared with some other concompared with some other con-

ference contributions.

He made two points. First, that Britain remained fully committed to independence and majority rule in southern Africa. He emphasized that Britain's presence at the Maputo meeting demonstrated continuing deep interest in the issues of race and freedom.

Second, he stated that Britain's view armed struggle was not the only way of resolving southern Africa's problems. Even at this "eleventh hour" as he put it, freedom in Rhodesia and Namibia could be established by negotiation rather than by the gun.

Any chance of a negotiated settlement must be seized. Even if an armed struggle were to end in independence it would take years and would certainly

Mr Rowlands spek out the nature of the latest settlement niciative on Rhodesia launched by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary. In close consultation with the United States, a British diplomat, Mr John Graham, was to conduct intensive discussions:
with all the parties concerned.
Following which a constitution
would be drafted and presented
to the Brisish Parliament.
The constitution would accurate

The constitution would ensure majority rule and safeguard

fundamental human rights of race. Its aim was independence for Rhodesia after-free and fair elections.

Mr. Rowlands was applauded

by a majority of desigates when he finished speaking. He also received a warm handshalts from Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations, who arrived here last night and is due to address the conference on

Whether any of the so-called terrorist" leaders present at the conference derived any en-couragement from Mr Row-lands's appearance, as some Opposition MPs have claimed. uncertain. However, the minister did

However, the minister did have private talks today with Mr Robert Mugabe, joint leader of the Patriotic Front of Rhodesia, and Mr Sam Nujoha, president of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) at which he argued Eritain's case for a neargeful Eritain's case for a peaceful transfer of power in both terri-

British diplomats have been encouraged by what they be-lieve to be a slightly more flexble anitude being taken by Mr. Nujoma on the latest Western initiative on Namibia, although at press conferences today he seemed to swing back to a more militant position than in his speech to the meeting yester-

Mr Mugabe is proving a the fact that he saw Mr Rowlands today is taken as a sign that he has not ruled out completely the possibility of taking part in new constitutional talks. Significantly, the communist block countries which had been expected to turn out in force have sent fairly low key dele-

gations who have so far failed to make much impression. Our Lisbon Correspondent writes: The extension by the Mozambique authorisies of the time allowed for Portuguese residents to leave has somewhat relieved tension here over the fate of thousands still waiting for transport. They should have left by May 16 but finding space on existing scheduled flights for 20,000 or more people proved impossible.

Whites vote on sharing power on Rhodesia in Namibia poli From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg, May 17 A turnout of up to 70 per cent was being predicted tonight as whites in Namibia (Fouth-West Africa) voted in a referendum testing their acceptance of the constitutional-design produced by the multi-racial Turnhalle Conference. Turnhalle delegates have said that a big vote in favour of the Turnhalle decisions will indicate

to the world and to other groups in Namibia that the whites are in earnest about whites are in earnest about power sharing.
Windhoek, May 17.—Two brothers died yesterday when their lorry detonated a mine which South African sources believed had been laid by guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organization.

British envoy in discussions

Lusaka, May 17.—Mr - John Graham, a British special envoy and head of the Anglo-Ameri-can consultative group in southern. Africa, flew into Zambia today to launch a new initiative aimed at a peaceful transfer of power in Rhodesia.

He is here for talks with President Kaunda. Mr Graham

President Kaunda. Mr Graham said he came for explanatory and exploratory consultations with all parties concerned with the creation of "a Zimbabwe with a non-racial society".

Mr Graham is due to fly to Botswana tomorrow for talks with Bisbop Abel Muzorewa, the Rhodesian nationalist. Leader Rhodesian nationalist leader. He will leter travel to Salisbury for talks with Mr Smith. Mr Graham will be joined on these visits by Mr Steven Low, the United States Ambassador to Zambia—Reuter.

forthcoming unofficial visit in Johannesburg by Mr Andrew Young, the American Ambas sador to the United Nations the meeting may well take place on Thursday in a benter spirit than might have been experted Observers here have noted that Mr Mondale has been choosing his words with care talking about "full participation" rather than "majority

hopes to

with US

Cape Town, May 17

compromise

From Our Correspondent

Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, is not approaching his meeting in

Vienna with Vice President Mondale of the United State

The Prime Minister, who fie

to Vienna today, also made a clear that he was not going a "rake orders" from the Unit

diplomatic controversy over the

in a spirit of confrontation

However, in spite of rhetoric on both sides—a

Mr Vorster

rule" in South Africa, a fo of words which invariably rai South African hackles. There have also been other signs that the Carter Admin stration while taking keener interest in the affairs of

Southern Africa, is anxious ag to drive Mr Vorster into a corner. The United Store which seeks South African ag operation in the Western mine tives to bring independence in Namibia (South-West Africa) and Rhodesia, is not, it appears, going to demand immediate progress towards black majority rule in South Africa itself.

South Africa's internal affairs will certainly be on the indicated vesterday that he is prepared to discuss his policies with anybody—but there seems to be no disposition on either side to inculge in a fruitless sianging match.

Mr Vorster will no doubt concern about the spread of Marxist influence in Africa a plea which South Africans feel should evoke a ready response in Washington.

The Prime Minister's readiness to cooperate with the United States and British in moving towards independence for Namibia and in promoting a Rhodesia sertlement has been apparent for some time.

On the Namibian question South Africa appears to be pre-pared to assist the Western initiative. The Republic is being as helpful as possible, it seems, in aceptura demands for free elections in Namibia under some form of Western super-vision. But there are still some problems about the independence process in the territory, with the question of an interim

government, unresolved.
On Rhodesia, heightened tensions on the Zambia-Rhodesia-. Botswana borders in the last-few days have added urgency to Dr Owen's new settlement efforts. Here, too. South Africa wants to be helpful in exercising whatever influence it has in Salisbury, but Mr Vorster must keep careful note of white public opinion, which might react badly to overt signs of pressure on Mr Ian Smith.

Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, is accompanying Mr Vorster to Vienna. He is one of the younger generation a expected to bring more flexi-bility and imagination to South Africa's foreign relations.

Mr Botha recently won a landslide by-election victory over an extreme-right opponent in the Johannesburg constituency of Westdene.

In response to Mr Mondale's questions in Vienna about the progress of the South African Government's declared pro-gramme to move away from discrimination Vorster will be able to point to his institution of a commission of inquiry to review the whole spectrum of discriminatory labour legislation, which was announced a week ago.

Mr Vorster and Mr Botha are expected to argue that a move-ment away from race discrimina-tion is proceeding steadily.

Black children fly to Moscow

Lusaka, May 17.—A Sovie aircraft left here today for Mos cow with more than 100 black. Rhodesian teenagers abourd. Tight security was imposed and reporters were not allowed to question the children, but air port sources said they were go-ing for guerrilla training and education in the Soviet Union. They believed that most of the children, aged between 15 and 18, were among those who vanished at the end of January from the Manama mission, school in Rhodesia.—Reuter.

Popular views on Hiroshima disputed

contested by Professor Mar Japanese war. garet Gowing when she delivered the eighth J. D. Bernal Lecture at London University last night.

One view was that the action was done with very little thought, she said. "In fact there was much discussion and heart searching."

Another was that it was unnecessary because Japan was already defeated, and the bombs were really dropped to justify the expense of the pro-ject and the judgment of those responsible (and to forestall the Soviet Union's enery into wag against Japan).

Nor was it true that Japan was given no warning. The Potsdam declaration, which Porsdam declaration, which called on Japan to make peace or else suffer complete and utter destruction, was made less than two weeks before the atomic bomb quobbeq.,

The second bomb was dropped, on Nagasaki, because Japan made no response to the appeal for surrender after Hiroshima three days earlier, Professor Gowing said not because scientists wanted because scientists wanted try out a different type of bomb.

By Clive Cookson of The Professor Gowing, Professor She argued that it was not true to say that the bombine of the History of Science at true to say that the bombine of the History of Science at true to say that the bombine of the History of Science at true to say that the bombine of the Common was evidence that Japan was face of opposition from atomic beliefs about the decision to defeat, whatever the scientists. They were deeply into and Nagasaki in 1945 were stop the staughter of the committee under the Secondary of State for War, which scientists. They were deeply involved in the operations planning Moreover, the Ameri-can committee under the So-retary of State for War, which was set up to consider the use of the bomb, had three famous scientists among its members and had besides scientific advisory panel w members all

eminent physicists." Professor Gowing went on to explain that the "symbiosis between scientists and government, and the solidarity sho unity of the scientists them selves was ended not by the atomic bomb (which caused very little agitation for nuclear disarmament) but by the argu-ments over the far more





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pes to Red Cross mission was deceived npromover Indonesian prison in US conditions, smuggled letter claims

David Watts

A remarkable picture of life
the political prisons of Interpolitical prisons are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets, of the inhuman and Surabaya, the writer says are said to have died at the rate of about the secrets.

At Salemba the prisoners ration in the writer's place of were given camp beds, pillows; where says detention has an estimated were given camp beds, pillows;

The letter, 16 foolscap pages the English translation, was itten by a prominent detainee warn the Red Cross of how prison camps were being nsformed in preparation for hir visit; to give details of ture and primitive condias and to catalogue some of thousands of deaths in the sons since the attempted

he amunist coup of 1965. artly as a result of the ler-te, the Red Cross has taken unusual step of comment-internationally on one of its its. Normally, the Red Cross ies its report only to the govment concerned and any dement wants them to be made

C says that it "drew the continuous of the authorities to fact that its delegates finds could not be regarded as ication of the real condi-its of detention in Indonesia two reasons; the limited raber of places visited and difficulties encountered ing the visits."

living details of 26 prisoners or 5 pm loved from the isolation Since of ck at Salemba prison, one of the numb se visited, the letter also ations the removal of Dr andrio, the former Prime nister and Foreign Minister, l former Air Marshal Omar ani from Nirbaya prison

At Salemba the prisoners were given camp beds pillows, food and mensils before the Red Cross arrived the Red Cross arrived; the prisoners were told that if they were approached by the team they must not speak about their experiences but only about the present conditions in the camp.

Recreational equipment was brought into the camp, includ-ing two television sets, a loudspeaker, sports equipment and games. The isolation block games. The isolation block, where prisoners were kept in their cells 24 hours a day, was emptied and the occupants transferred to Budi Utomo camp and the whole camp was cleaned up and repaired.

cleaned up and repaired.

The Government attempted to present the Ked Cross with a completely false picture of the human rights afforded Indonesians, according to the writer. It is estimated that there are 100,000 political prisoners to the couvery and the United States Congress has labelled Indonesia one of the worst offenders against human rights offenders against human rights in the world.

The writer estimates that 90 per cent of the prisoners have been tortured and gives details of abuses. He says there has been a steady decline in both the quality and quantity of food-given to prisoners.

he committee goes on:
he ICRC will continue its
ts to places of detention in
onesia on the condition that
se difficulties are over
iving details of 26 prisoners.

Hottially, after the majority
of the arrests in 1955,
prisoners were given two
packets of rice a day with a
few vegetables. The "midday"
meal was given at about 5 pm
or 6 pm and the evening meal
ar 11 pm.

st 11 pm.

Since 1967, the writer says, the number of deaths through beri-beri and making tition have increased significantly and the daily allowance has been either eight to 10 spoonfuls of bulgur wheat or 120 grains of corn with spipach and salt, the

Ac present, the daily food ration in the writer's place of detention has an estimated value of 800-1,000 calories a they except on holidays, when help is sent in by the churches or the Muslim Council, or when a tour of inspection is to be

The diet consists of a twice daily ration of 300 grams of rice of about 380 calories perportion, a dish of tempe, a meal made of soya beans of about 180 calories, and spinach-and salt with a value of a further 180 calories. The requirement of the body to fuel metabolism, movement and work is generally regarded as 2,500 calories per day.

Some detainees get help from their families, but most do not and are prone to contract a wide variety of disease.

The writer says that matistics on the number of prisoners freed have been misleading. In 1975 the Government announced that 2,000 people had been re-leased whereas, according to information collected by the writer, only 150 were freed in barches of 30 to 40 people.

At the end of 1976 the release of a further 2,500 was announced but, according to the writer, only 120 were released. The balance of the announced number was made up of people who had been released in 1975 or before. Ambassadors from friendly states were invited to winess the release. "This is the shameless way the authori-ties deceive them."

On release, the families of prisoners from the Jakarta area were ordered to pay administration costs. These ranged from 25,000 rupish (£35) for a lowranking soldier to 1m rupiah (£1,400) for prominent prison-



Prince Andrew (kneeling) in a production of "Oliver" at Lakefield College, Ontario, which he is attending until the end of June.

Pakistan political violence

They said a demonstration by supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party, protected by police, clashed with a rally being held by the opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) peing held by the opposition Pakistan National Alliance PNA).

Seven PPNA supporters were have been injured in fights

Islamabad, May 17.—Nine reported to have been shot dead, their bodies being taken away by the police. Two other Punjab, sources close to the Opposition said.

They said a demonstration by supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party protected to have been shot dead, their bodies being taken away by the police. Two other PNA supporters died later The official account of the clashes said that only four people had been hurt and that two of them were in a critical

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In brief

Talks today on Chapman case

Arhens, May 17.—Mr Edward Chapman, aged 66, the father of Ann Chapman, a British journalist murdered near here in 1971, arrived in Athens tonight to seek a retrial of the man connicted of the killing. He and his wife plan to meet Mr Constantine Stefanakis, the Greek Justice Minister, tomor-row to discuss the case of Nicholas Moundis, who is serv-ing a life semence for the murder. Mr Chapman hopes that new evidence will justify a re-

Globtik Venus suit

Manila, May 17.—The British-based owners of the oil tanker Globrik Venus, whose Filipino crew went on strike in Le Havre for international minimum wages in March, are seeking more than \$600,000 (£350,000) in compensation, the National Seamen's Board said here.

Shots at Turkish ship

Athens, May 17.—A Greek shore battery on the Island of Samos fired on a Turkish patrol vessel trying to intercept a Greek fishing boat on Saturday night because it had violated territorial waters the Government territorial waters, the Govern-ment announced here.

Cairo grants asylum

Cairo, May 17.—Mr Abdul Hamid al-Bakoush, who was Prime Minister of Libya before the 1969 military coup, arrived here today from London and was granted asylum by the Egyptian Government.

Miss Longet sued

Deuver, Colorado, May 17.—
The parents of Vladimir
"Spider "Sabich, the former
ski champion, have filed a
\$1.3m (5765,000) suit against
the French singer, Claudine
Longet, was convicted in January of the negligent homicide
of their son. of their son.

Finnish visitor

Moscow, May 17.-President Kekkonen, of Finland, arrived in Moscow today on an official

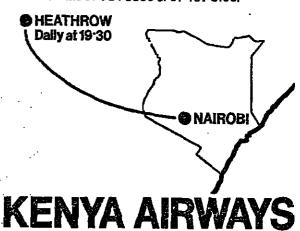
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Lebel Poles an be held or months

Varsaw, May 17.—A Polish

Saturday while frying to nd a student demonstration racow, after the death of a lent who had worked with

he authorities say that uslaw Pyjas, a 23-year-old ature student, died from a while he was drunk Rellow lents have alleged he was

he order, known as a proser's sanction, was also served fr Wojciech Ostrowski, who detained in Cracow with Macierewicz and brought to Warsaw with him. ithout the sanction, police hold people for only 48 s. Although detainees may released before the three ths is up, if the period exwithout their being sed and brought to trial,

sanction can be renewed. the dissident sources said the prosecutor told Mr m's wife, Grazyna, that her and and the others were 3 investigated under a penal article on contacts with acting for anti-Polish nizations, abroad.

arges under the same le were recently brought ist Mr Kuron, Mr Michaik unother committee member, Jan Jozef Lipski, who is

Japanese ex-minister in scuffle

Warsaw, May 17.—A Polish secutor has issued an order ler which four members of dissident Workers' Defence unittee who were detained three months, dissident ces said today.

Tokyo, May 17.—Opposition members in the Japanese Parkament rushed at Mr Keikichi Masuhara, the former Defence Minister, and knocked him to the floor during a controversial debate today on military bases.

Mr Masuhara, aged 73, also had his glasses knocked off but escaped serious injury. The incident happened during discussion of a Bill involving continued use of private Land on the island of Okinawa for Japanese and American bases. Tokyo, May 17.—Opposition Scuffling began when Mr Masuhara, chairman of a par-liamentary committee discussing

> stop a question and answer session. There was a similar inciden last night when Mr Masuhara, an LDP member, convened the committee in the hope of winning approval for the Bill to go to the Upper House.—Reuter.

the Bill, gave his casting vote to a resolution by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to

Singapore Stock Exchange

On April 4 we published a Reuter report of a speech by Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, to the Singapore Law Society which said that Mr Lee had sharply criticized the Singapore Stock Exchange for, among other things, protecting its own sectional interests at the expense of the public investors, and had warned of bossible Government warned of possible Government intervention.

A Reuter correction, which A Keurer correction, which we did not carry, had explained that Mr Lee had said he was requoting remarks he made in 1970. We accept that there were no grounds for the criticisms as we reported them in any event. antly in detention. No one so far been indicted for e committee was set up to workers arrested or disad for taking part in food riots last June—Reuter.

We regret our story was misleading in failing to make clear the context and implications of Mr Lee's comments and wish to apologize to the chairman and committee of the Singapore Stock Exchange.

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ow prices at Christie's st New York art sale

of the city's growing st. But though they raised total of \$4,172,000 \$,000, mainly from the

highest prices were 100 for a van Gogh, "La le la journée", \$660,000 'Baigneuse couchée" by r, and \$330,000 for "Buste 1000" by Price 1000 for "Buste 1000" by Price 1000 for "Buste 1000 for nme " by Picasso.

ogether 33 pictures were and 27 were withdrawn se bidding did not reach eserve prices set by their

aking after the sale, Mr Floyd, the chairman of ie's, who conducted it, there was no denying the prices were in most to issue sale totals net of unshing the for "Raigneuse coulast night's sale came to about for instance, had been 57m of which \$4.1m was sold, en \$750,000 and \$1m. Mr. as reported shows lower than the estimates

Our Own Correspondenc
York, May 17
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Christie's opening bad been awaited with enormous interest in the New York art world, not 3,000, mainly from the least because of their clear of Impressionist and post-challenge to Sofileby Parketssionist paintings, the Bernet. The sale room was were regarded as dispacked out, with people standmg round the walls.

The main innovation inteo duced by Christie's in New York is a system by which the seller and the buyer each pays a 10 per cent commission. This is different from the one used by Sorbeby Parke-Bernet, by which the seller pays the whole commission.

Geraldine Norman writes: Christie's have been required by Caristie's have been required by cong after the sale, Mr law to report prices in New York inclusive of premium there was no denying a prices were in most wer than the estimates people to expect. The loss that been required by low to report prices in New York inclusive of premium their was no denying all the prices quoted above. They have also been required by while they have always refused to issue sale totals net of unsold people to expect. The Law Report May 17 1977

Court of Appeal

Corroboration by acquaintances

Regina v Johannson

followed unless there were sound reasons for not doing so, the Court of Appeal said.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Vincent Paul Johannsen, aged 52, against conviction at Norwich Crown Court (Mr Justice Mars-Jones) on five counts of buggery and five of gross indecency. A sentence of life implement imposed on each counts.

buggery and five of gross ladecency. A sentence of life imprisonment imposed on each count
of buggery concurrent with five
years' imprisonment on the indecency offences was quashed and
a sentence of seven years' imprisonment substituted.

Mr James Goudie for the appellant; Mr Andrew Don for the
Crown.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, in a
reserved judgment, said that the
indictment related to five schoolboys, aged 14 and 15. There were
two counts in respect of each boy,
one charging buggery, the other
gross indecency. Save in the case
of the boy C mmed in counts 7
and 8, the boys each gave evidence
about more than one incident.

After arraignment detending
counsel had moved the court to
sever the indictment so that there
would be separate trials on each
of the coupled counts. The ground
was that there were no striking
smillarities between each of the
coupled counts so as to make the
exchange on one admissible on

coupled counts so as to make the evidence on one admissible on Prosecution counsel had resisted

Prosecution counsel had resisted the application for separate trials. He had submitted that the evidence on the dependence on the dependence of the coupled counts. The judge agreed and ruled that all the counts should be tried together. The judge's ruling was challenged, first, because there were no striking similarities between each of the coupled counts; and, smooth, because the decousteds revealed that the boys T. P. E and H knew each other and T and P were close friends.

It was submitted that from that factor of acquaintance the judge

factor of acquaintance the judge should have inferred that there was a real chance of four of the boys having concocted together a false story and in consequence be should have severed the indica-

ment.
During most of 1975 the appellant worked on oil rigs in the North Sea with regular periods of shore leave, which he spent in rented accommodation in Great rented accommodation in Great Yarmouth. The prosecution's case was that between May and Decem-ber, 1975, he made a practice of accosting boys in anuscement arcades and similar places, offer-ing them money or a meal or treating them to a game, then tak-ing them to his accommodation or on to the beach and there com-mitting the offences. In interviews after his arrest the

In interviews after his arrest the appellant made oral starements, some of which were capable of being corroboration of T's evidence. We also made a written statement, confessing gross indecency with T. In evidence the appellant admitted knowing the boys but denied that he had behaved indecently with them. He said that I', E and H had tried to bluckniff him; that P and T had got together to tell a take story about m; and that C had made nomogetical advances to him which he

this and that C had made homoverical advances to him which he had resisted.

The judge directed the jury adequately about the need for corresponding and that, in respect to their clients against a possibility of conspiracy could do so by asking for committal under section and that there was capable of being corroboration.

There was no hesitation in decling that there were striking similarities about what happened to each of the boys—the accostings in the same kind of places, the enticements and the rest. If followed that the evidence of each look was admissible to corroborate ing that there were striking similarities about what happened to each of the boys—the accostings in the same kind of places, the enticements and the rest. It followed that the evidence of each into was admissible to corroborate the evidence of the misers. R n

ion was admissible to corroborate the evidence of the marks: R v Kilbourne ([1973] AC 729).

The second ground of complaint about the judge's refusal to sever the indictment was based on observations by Lord Reid to Kilbourne and by Lord Wilberforce and Lord Cross of Chelsea in R v Boardman ([1975] AC 421).

In Kilbourne the boys who were stigged to have been the victims

of the accused's criminal atten Regina v Johannsen

Eefore Lord Justice Lawton, Mr
Justice Nield and Mr Justice

Borenam

Observations in the House of
Lords in R v Kilbourne and R v
Boardman that evidence should
not be accepted as corroborative where there was a "real charge" of collusion between witnesses were obiter, but they should be followed unless there were sound 750): "We must be asture to see that the apparently corroborative statement is truly independent of the doubted statement. If there is any real chance that there has been collusion between the makers of the two statements, we should not accept them as corroborative."

Their Lordships also referred to comments by Lord Wilberforce and Lord Cross in Boardman. They had considered all three comments and had decided that they were made obtter. Nevertheless they should be followed unless there were sound reasons for not doing so.

What was a trial judge to do when an accused arraigned on an indictment charging offences involving a number of youthful victims alleged that there was a real chance that the alleged victims had conspired to give false evidence?

victims had conspired to give false evidence?

The judge's only source of information was the depositions. They might, as in the present case, show that the alleged victims knew each other. Was the judge to infer in every such case that acquainnance with one another might have resulted in a conspiracy to give false evidence? If he was, many sexual molesters of the young would go free.

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What if prosecuting counsel said that the police officer in charge of the case was satisfied that there had been no conspiracy?
Experienced police officers tried to find out whether there had

to find out whether there had been.

Was the speculative possibility which occurred to the judge to be preferred to the assertions of the prosecution? How was adv conflict to be resolved? The answer must surely be—by the jury. That had long been the practice of the courts. Judges knew of the possibility. That was why it was common practice to direct juries about it. In the present case the judge had followed that practice.

The comments in the House of Lords cases should not be understood as meaning that if the depositions contained no evidence of a conspiracy to give false evidence, the judge could use his imagination to decide that there might have been one and in consequence sever the indictment so as to provide for separate trials in respect of each victim. Problems of severance and admissibility of evidence should be decided on the facts known to the court, not on speculation as to what the facts might turn out to be. A judge, however, had a discretion to exclude evidence tendered by the prosecution if its prejudicial effect outweighed its probative value: R p Selvey ([1970] AC 304).

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The comments referred to were The comments referred to were directed to the exercise of judicial discretion; but if such discretion was to be exercised, there must be a factual basis disclosed in the depositions to show there was a "real chance" (in the words of Lord Reid and Lord Criss) that there had or might have been a conspiracy.

In a committal for trial without or al examination of the prosecution's witnesses, the depositions were unlikely to disclose any facts pointing to the existence of

give false evidence. There was nothing disclosed on There was nothing disclosed on the depositions in the present case to establish anything more than a speculative possibility that four of the boys might have put their heads together to give false evidence. That was not enough to justify the judge severing the indictment.

Solicitors: Simons, Mulrhead & Allan; DPP.

Buyer gets damages for storing rejected goods

Kolfor Plant Ltd v Tilbury Plant the 1893 Act. In Caswell v Coare ((1809) 127 ER 954) the plaintiff

retreary 8, the defendants were entitled to rescind.

The question whether the defendants could recover from Kulfor transportation and storage costs involved a difficult question of lay. The Sale of Goods Act, 1893, provided by section 36 that "Unions otherwise agreed, where goods are delivered to the buyer, and he refuses to accept them, having the right so to do, he is not bound to return them to the seller, but it is sufficient if he infinates to the seller that he refuses to accept them". There was no provision for the situation where a seller failed to collect rejected goods and as a result the buyer incurred expenses in respect of right.

The Act differed from the Union Commercial Code, widen

the Sectore Mr John Newey, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court Judge is Judgetted delivered May 11]

His Lordship, after dismissing a claim by the p-laintiff sellers for the purchase price of a generator which the defendants customer refused to accept, awarded the defendants damages on a counterclaim in respect of the cost of transporting the generator to a safe piace and storing it until collected by the plaintiffs.

The generator had been ordered on February 5, 1974, during the three-day week fuel crisis. As the plaintiffs, Koffor Plant Ltd. of Moidstone, the customer had refused it, and the defendants had sought to reschild the contract.

Mr Michael Baker for Koffor; Mr John Hamilton for the defendants. HIS LORDSHIP, after reviewing the evidence, held that it was an express term of the agreement for the sale of the generator that it should be delivered on February 5, that time was of the essence of the agreement; and that as delivery was not effected until February 3, the defendants were entitled to rescind.

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enburg opera, who was quick to explain that though the assassination adds a certain frissor to the drama (as well as being a bonus to those of us who know our Verdi or our Swedish history) it isn't by any means the focal point of the work of the same of Werle's opera. That place is reserved for the fabulous Tintomara, one of the most potent creations of Carl Jonas Love Almoust, the man who dominated the Swedish literary scene in the 1820s and 1830s and who, according to Mr.
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array of operatic plums: a masked ball, forest scenes in the style of Janacek, an alley scene in the Büchner-Berg style, court scenes which draw from Werle some elegant pas-tiche ("Werle loves his Mozart and his period quotations not to mention a good deal of lush neo-Straussian vocal writ-

ing and a bogus execution in the manner of Tosca.

In a sense, such a libretto demands an aclecuic approach, and Mr Ramstedt does not artempt to deny Werle's mag-pie instincts for what is best in the Strauss-Berg-Janacek tradi-tions of music drama. "You are nor the first to spot the Janácek connexion, but eclectic or not, his style is very effective, faithful to the spirit of Almquist's novel, excellent theatre, and beautifully written for voices and orchestra." (After listening to tapes of the opera, I can confirm that Werle's scoring for his his analysis of the poets. 12 years Werle was a producer in the chamber music section

Masked Ball in its original and the work of practically success of Werle's rather more details of the murder of King ficance, from Motare to melodrama The Dream of Gustav III minutely and Britten, in his own tative accurately registered. And composer Lars Johan Werle more traditional than agant-obviously had no inhibitions garde," says Ramsted. "He bringing Tintomara to Sadler's when in 1973 he returned to used to make a speciality of the scene of that historic region big things. He once did Aida the compositive about them very positive about werle's music in our ice-hockey stidium with mara, the immensely successful a cast of 700 and Birgin Nils. about inadequate programme notes, so this time we're send-ing out a full synopsis with the tickers!"

Wasn't Tintomara a lavish wash t tinumuru a lavisu undertaking for a company which plays at home in a tiny 600-seat theatre? "Yes, but we have our own company, which means that all the singers and dancers are available. Apart from directors and conductors we use practically no guest artists. Over the years I have found that by engaging really good directors and conductors standard which would not readily be available from within the company. And in a small theatre good ensemble playing and good acting is something you simply must bave."--

Inevitably, Gothenburg's small ensemble theatre has not produced many international stars, though Ragnar Ulfung, who is soon to return as Mr Ramstedt's artistic manager, and Elisabeth Erikson, the Papagena in Ingmar Bergman's spell-binding Zauberflöte, are known to European audiences, and Mr Ramstedt thinks highly of his Tintomara, Marie-Louise Hasselgren. "Although she is young, she has already sung the title role in Britten's The Rape of Lucretia for us, as well as Tintomara. I would think she is on the way to some kind of stardom; and Tintomara could well the breakthrough."

Richard Osborne

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Did someone say "documen-? Say, rather, one playlet, two satirical sketches and one full-dress melodrama, all cunningly interwoven.

The playlet concerned a comely couple whose relationship had got out of kilter. Richard was conscientiously devoting himself to feathering a respectable suburban nest, oblivious of the fact that Geraldine traved variety and excitement so nossionately that she was on the point of flying away, "Why can't you say you love her?" the counsellor wanted to know. He answered with a wry prevarication.

Act II saw a wider-eyed and more thoughtful Geraldine trymorbid gaze.

The first sketch, on the other The first sketch, on the other shard, was nasty, bruish and mercifully short. Diane and Nigel, a tough-lonking, exoskeletal pair, seemed to regard the counselling bureau as a routine extension of the welforce state. They wanted free, miracle-working advice on the counter now, please, and be quick about it.

"You want to use me as an ite tones of Madame Bovary and wept. Alone with his new girl-friend ("he has with her what I want with him") Pete ran on the beach and wrote "Sartre Rule OK". Alone with the counfare state. They wanted free, and course and charmaine, of course, were utterly mis-

give me an opinion about something", said Diane. She had recently worked as a nude model (Nigel's idea—"I knew she needed an outside interest"). "Interesting", said the counsellor. The best help she could have given them would have been to bang their heads together, but I felt that they, people play.

Don't Forget to Write! hard to recall another play or series of six plays like this which has used neuronic gloom BBC 2

the baffled Gordon Maple. Mr to make his writer hero as Cole, who resembles a slimmed down or perhaps washed out version of Robert Morley, has by pushing him to the limit of a wonderful way with baffle when he is angry. Although Mondaria opicials. quite so funny as the previous week's, there were some tremen dously funny scenes.

Just the same, that is what
Characters talked at cross makes this odd, indeed eccen-

chat, was brilliantly done. It is part series.

Rudolf Serkin Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

Choosing just one sonata from each of the three periods, he began right at the beginning with the F minor work, Op 2 no 1, not nearly as often heard as its two companions in A and C. But early though it is, not a trace of eighteenth-century urbanity remained in Mr Serkin's performance. Every note was a matter of life and death, with audible intakes of breath

Menuetto brought some pleading, slurred phrasing and dialogue between the hands in its trio. The finale's note of desperation was caught in very fast tempo as well as explosive dvuamics..

From the middle period. Mr

The third, and longest, makes the most imaginative use of this difficult medium's resources; and while both here and in the brusque finale the music's arguments are elliptical and not easy to follow at a single hearing, they are already convincing on the intuitive level Robert Suter rather than line; and this is was born at St Gallen in 1919. music whose manner is almost This Sonata is the work of a literally heavier. Mario Steiner, mature, accomplished and responding to a keyboard part quietly individual talent, which much fuller than those of the organizers of the Redcliffe Mozart and Suter, properly Concerts did well to bring for asserted himself here.

too, had the germ of a point. Sketch Two concerned a trio just as much in need of help. but rather more devious in their mamer of seeking it. Counsellor A, B and C (all women) seemed to work on the assumption that their feelings were just as important as those of their clients. Their conferences were occasions to recount how they felt "so hurt", "so angry" and "really drained", and the cameras caught them in candid close-up, furrowed brows, agitated hands, figures of indulged anxiety. "D'you know," said one, "I just wonder whether we agonize too much sometimes." ences were occasions to recount

Our melodrama was a mag-nificent succession of lachry-mose/bellicose encounters between Pete and Charmaine, with their counsellor making repeated bids for a share in the fun. When Pete was up. Charmaine was down; when Charmore thoughtful Geraldine try-maine looked radiant and ing to protect her rejuvenated but still fragile relationship "shattered". Petc cowered in from the counsellor's suddenly his chair. When he railied and rounded on her for being passive, she assumed the tragic tones of Madame Bovary and

rou want to use me as an unhelping figure", said their counsellor wearily. "Come on, give me an opinion about the counsellor butter, not a counsellor butter, not a counsellor butter. this is not to deny the patentially sterling worth of counselling: as this rivering film showed, even mediocre counselling can be of some use. Much of the time, though, it is, like cricket, psychoanalysis and infamile decreases and patents. infantile doctors and patients, just another of the games

to such comic effect.

Don't Forget to Write! is

Stanley Reynolds

Five weeks ago when George
Cole kicked off as Gordon
Maple, a playwright hero of
Charles Wood's Don't Forget

Weeks lob with the structure looked

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Tom ore successful playwright then the lore Me Cole's Gordon is to Write!, the situation looked a trifle self-indulgent. Who, only the maker of well-made after all, wants to hear about a playwrights problems?

Charles Wood would be bet.

Nothing very much happens.

ter off writing about the prob- Most of the comedy is about lems of a plumber, a unit trust things not happening. Gordon lems of a plumber, a unit trust salesman, a Scandinavian goes to elaborate measures to princeling who sees things on keep from not writing, and the the castle battlements. One ther week there was a splendid routine in which Mr Cole went through all the motions of string without actually removing any hair. Over the set comic routine hangs a cloud of series which grows on you. George Cole is marvellous as the baffled Gordon Maple. Mr

Although Monday's episode, cornered giant in classical which saw Gordon's play opening in the West End, was not although we smile at him, is being reduced to a state of desperation.

Just the same, that is what purposes or said one thing and tric, offering good drama and meant something else entirely. The dialogue, all small, aimless see the final episode in the six-

Serkin selected the "Moon-light" Nothing was more memorable than its opening

Adagio, at once profoundly calm, yet with richly expres-sive melody emerging from the

triplet figuration. In certain

left-hand octave motifs it seemed as if Mr Serkin even

had a string-player's power of

making a crescendo on one note. Again in the Finale's development his left hand was

an eloquent singer.

Finally to the Hanmer-klavier, and here Mr Serkin was unfailingly successful in conveying the composer's struggle to express the inexpressible. In the first movement he had to fight to get the thear volume of sound in for-

sheer volume of sound in for-tissimo—if there was a touch

of percussiveness now and again, he made ample amends in the beauty of his cantabile.

Not even in the Adagio, taken

faster than we often hear it, was peace easily won. There was

was peate easily won the was a cutting edge to the second con grand espressione theme, giving it a suggestion of desperate en-treaty. The great triumph of the

performance was the final fugue, elemental in its surge, yet with every detail—rhythmic, dynamic and textural—under superhuman control. It will be a long time before any of us in Monday's large audi-

ence is likely to hear it pro-

jected at this voltage again.

Rudolf Serkin's annual visit at this time of the year is always on: of the highlights of the season, and in 1977 a pro-gramme of Beethoven from him was naturally even more of an event than usual.

and sometimes a stamp on the pedal too as added proof of his total involvement.

Nevertheless, despite his intensity in the first two movements, he allowed plenty of time for melody to breathe. The

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Max Harrison A tense, refreshingly acid

piece, the Sonata for Piano Trio by the Swiss composer Robert Suter, had its world premiere at Monday's concert in the Redcliffe series. Each movement adopts a different yet significantly related strategy; the first, and shortest, being a dialogue between violin and cello with percussive interjections from the piano. The second is quieter, more introverted, with the strings, now muted, resorting to imitative, and accelerating, counterpoint.

ward, despite the tiny audience. The work was well played by a trio, with no collective name, consisting of Yfrah Neaman (violin), Rohan de Saram (cello) and the Swiss planist Mario Steiner. The Suter performance appeared to be a good one; but less can be said of the repertoire pieces in C major and C minor which framed it. Mozart's Trio K.548, sounded frankly undistinguished, and one has many times heard both string players in far better form. Their tones were un-Their tones were unmatched, especially in the first movement, and there were too many out-of-tune notes; Steiner showed himself to be a discreet chamber music pianist but, in this work at least, nothing more positive. The three instruments were balanced in an elementary sort of way, but there was no unifying concept;

tent of such a work. In Brahms's Trio Op 101, the emphasis often is on mass rather than line; and this is

and one cannot approve of a reading that holds alou- from

the passionate emotional con-

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Swedish theatre has never Almquist original. It is the England where a knowledge of been unduly squeamish about work of Leif Söderström the Swedish composers often stops political assassination. In relation to Elisabeth who has embarrassingly short at Dag Stockholm they play Verdi's produced Handel in London Wiren—this despite the great Masked Ball in its original and the work of practically success of Werle's rather more Swedish setting with the every other composer of signitwo-act music drama which has already been hailed as a landmark in Swedish opera (Swedish TV is even making a film dish TV is even making a film working on a more intimate of it) and which the enterprising Gothenburg company is bringing to Sædler's Wells open with all that he needed, for it into conight.

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Verdi precedent and the assa-sination to Dick Ramstedt, managing director of the Goth-

Tattomara is Asinguest's most at talked about character, a charismatic hermaphrodite, now a girl, now a boy, loved by men and women alike is beautifully luminous and clear; something perhaps not unrelated to the fact that for The libretto, with its linking of Swedish Radio.) marrance which at Sadler's One problem Mr Ramstedt Wells will be spoken in has had to face is that Werle's

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Extra-terrestrial music

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Fr composers. Works such as Ancient Voices of Children, Vox Balaenae and the Makrokosmos, series have achieved a popularity beyond the confiner of the contemporary music audience. The blend of mys-tical mumbo-jumbo in the Messpien vein and a strong drama-nic streak in both his music and in his performance direc-tions has had undoubted studience appeal. His composi-tions stand at the opposite pole from those of a fellow-Ameri-can composer such as Edilott Carter, in that they centre on not only the deliberately numinous, but on a celebration of sonorities, timbres and instrumental combinations which evoke wonder rather than ratiociustion. Up to now, Crumb's works have been written for small ensembles or

soloists, His most recent work (completed in March), Star-Child, is the first to be written for a symptony orchestra, and was presented in Avery Fisher Hall of Lincoln Centre this month by the New York Philhermonic during the final weeks of Pierre Boulez's tenure as music director. Crumb terms the work a parable; it is scored for large orchestra (quadruple winds), six horns, seven trumpers, organ, a huge percussion section, antiphonal children's chorus, a soprano and four conductors. The texts used are taken from the Requiem Mass, the medieval Massacre of the Innocents and a passage from the Book of

The work proceeds from

nothingness to darkness to light back to nothingness in a 35-minute parabola. After an extended, hushed opening the string orchestra (with its own conductor) begins a series of four-part chords, sofuly played, which Cramb dubs "mosic of the spheres" and which contimes uninterrupted throughout the piece. A solo trombone and the soprano "sing." a duet to the "Libera me" text, and at its conclusion the rustling of chains signals the rousing of the horses of the Apocalypse. These commence their ride on the backs of overlaid percussion rhythms, a ride which builds to a shattering tlimax of multi-percussion sound and, in the awal masterstroke of the piece, cease, so that all that is heard is the reverberation and the quiet string orchestra, ever the Apocatypse (positioned onstage and around the hall)

enter. The layout is Berlioz the trumpet calls evoke War Requiem, but the chill is wholly Crumb's brand of extraterrestrial music explicable only in part by the pitches and the techniques used (here, in the holding of an aluminium pie plate over the bell of the trumpet).
The darkness gradually turns

to light, as Crumb brings in the children's choruses ("Lux lucet in tenebris"), and the music recedes in a long delinusic recedes in a long deli-quescence of sound, mainly for soprano, children and bells, built on whole-tone patterns. Nothingness returns, repre-sented by three solo violins and a vibraphone in the topmost gallery, dying out ever so slowly as one single violin ascends to the infinite, encased in the shimmer of a single note of the vibraphone. Crumb, at this stage of his

career, is fully the master of bis forces. The separation of the string orchestra (perfectly positioned by Boulez at the back of the stage, closest to the acoustically live back sounding wall) maintained that carpet of sound which under-pioned the rest. In contrast to Ancient Voices and most of his other works, though, Crumb has severely limited the colouristic effects used in Star-Child. The music, even at its most joyous ("Gloria in excelsis!"
"Gandeamus igitur") is bleak
and cold, as if sounding in endless corridors of cathedrals constructed in outer space. The step here is beyond War. Requiem and such works as Vaughan Williams's Sinfonia Antartica in that this bleakness is not confined to earth and time, but is cut loose into space. It is usually dangerous

to consider music pictorially—
these days at least—but
Crumb's music demands it,
Star-Child is at once a very
simple piece and a work highly complex and, finally, unsettling in its overt frigidity. The "white" sounds of the soprano and the children, of the bells and the brass, are set against the texts to suggest a post-Apocalypse of an intergalactic light. It is this very unsettling quality which carries Star-Child past any immediate timbral concerns, and, for this listener, past the patness and superficiality that others find in Crumb's music.

Boulez gave the work an exemplary reading, from quadruple force to quadruple I heard is the reverberation and and soprano. Irene Gubrud the quiet string orchestra, ever sang with ample volume and playing. The seven trumpets of impeccable intonation.

Patrick J. Smith

Our Kid King's Head

Irving Wardle

For cut-price sensationalism it Clemens's lunch time re-hash of the Moors Murder case, played by a solo actress in black tights and directed by the author with a plentiful reliance on clashing cell doors and courtraom voice-overs.
As no names are given, Mr

Clemens may not have intended a literal identification with Hindley and Brady: but action is a straight re-telling of their story, from the office meetings to their Adolf and Eva routines in a Lancashire coun-cil house, and ghoulish car spins into the countryside.

For our benefit the girl recalls all this in her cell after an unspecified period of deten-tion. In fact, the case is now over 10 years old—long enough to promote a spirit of inquiry rather than gloating horror. But the only insight Mr Clemens has to offer is to characterize his no offer is to characterize his heroine as a plain girl who fell unconditionally for her lover out of sheer gratitude for noticing her, and thereafter took particular delight in destroying the kind of sexual outsiders she had previously assumed herself to be. Glib stuff: it may not be true but it does

or may not be true, but it does nothing to define stage Sue Holderness periodically lights up the action with a knife-brandishing tap routine (to "My Blue Heaven") at the arrival of each fresh victim. That at least contains some psychological truth, and Miss Holderness can dance.

Ascent of Mount Fuji The Ascent of Mount Fuji, originally performed at the Sovremnik Theatre in Moscow in 1973, is to have its British premiere at Hampstead Theatre where it will run for five weeks from June 9, with previews from June 2.

The play by Chingiz Airmatov and Kaltai Mukhamedzha-

nov, translated by Nicholas Bethell, is set one summer on a mountain in Kirghizia, and concerns the reunion of four highly placed members of Soviet society, their wives and their former schoolmistress. The play examines the difficulty of reconciling the individual's responsibility to himself and his need to conform to the state. In the cast are John Bennett, Antony Brown, Donald Douglas, Susan Engel Lynn Farleigh, Harold Innocent, Doreen Maptle and Phillada Sewell, Michael Rudman

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British Museum

Bursts by Randall not frequent enough to endanger Somerset

BATH: Somerset (7pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (4) with Notinghamshire (4)

Left to make 255 to win in
three hours and a quarter.
Notinghamshire fluished with 165 for five. A draw it therefore was, with Somerset lacking the bowling to overcome a slow pitch and Nottinghamshire's middle-order with Somerser lacking the both has to overcome a slow pitch and Nottinghamshire's middle-order batsmen lacking the practice to turn a useful start to advantage.

Taylor's declaration might have produced a closer finish later in the season, in faster conditions. After Nottinghamshire had lost Todd for nought, to one of the day's mastier balls, Hassan and Randell added 94, with Hassan section the early pace with his shortarm method. By the time Dredge bowled Hassan Nottinghamshire needed another 150 in 160 minutes, which, with Rice taking half an hour to score six, was soon something even suffer. I hope I shall not be unlucky with the South African, Rice. "The best all-rounder in county cricket" he is sometimes called, though in this match he hardly looked it. He is one of those who has his bat off the ground as the bowler runs up, rather as Greig does. As a bowler he is medium pace. He is strong, obviously, and yesterday he was colder than Monday, though by last night the wind had dried the ground up nicely for the visit of the Australians today. Rice was cought off a huge 'kier behind the bowler, just before the last hour started with Nottinghamshire at 129 for three, Randall was still there, a hero not quite in touch. This is going to be a difficult season for Randall with everyone expecting great things of him. After a shaky start he had bursts one expecting great things of him.
After a shaky start he had bursts
of playing quite freely, usually
when the bowlers were over-pitchwhen the bowlers were over-pitting, but they were not frequent enough to put Nottinghamshire in serious contention. In the fourth of the last 20 overs Randall was caught at slip, driving at Moseley, the last relevant occurrence of a slightly disappointing last day.

with his 73 of the first innings, Rose is 26, Denning 27; both are Rose is 26, Denning 27; tokin are left-handers, both have a lot of fair halt Denning is a left-handed Cive Radley. Rose, the faller of the two, could be marginally the better; both, though, are well launched on what promise to be successful county careers.

hibernation. It is about now that he starts to make his attempt to become the oldest Test player since he played last. Joel Garner, 6ft 8in of West Indian fast bowler, is also in the Somerset side. Although contracted to riey for Limbersongh at the weekends Littleborough at the weekends (they call him "Little Bird" up ticre). Garner is available for midweek championship matches. The current Wisden refers to his The current Wisden refers to his "criamic bowling and mighty hitting" in lest year's Centrel Lancashire League. Such is the sponsorship for today's game against the touring side that everything taken at the gate, plus a little more, will be profit for the county club.

SOMERSTY: First landness, 270 for 7. P. W. Dennies, 100 for 771.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—111, 3—130, 4—132, 80WLNG: Rice, 6—2—10—0; br-sh. 2—11—60—1; white, 18—6—53—2; Taylor, 4—1—20—1.

NOTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings.

1:40 (R. A. Walte 48 not out)

Second Inmings

F. M. Fodd, c. Taylor, b. Moselv

D. W. Kandall.

Woseley

C. E. B. Rice, c. Kitchen, b. Butham.

S. M. J. Harris, not out.

P. D. Joynson, b. Richards.

1:5

M. J. Smedley, not out.

1:5

M. J. Smedley, not out.

1:5 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11. 2-105.

Winning run just | Partnership of out of Hendrick's reach

slightly disappointing last day.
Somersel, in their sec-

after lunch to make 175 for four, which was fair going. Richards contributed a startling 28, Den-

DERBY: Warnickshire (3 pts) beat Derbyshire by one run A matter of inches prevented Derbyshire from snatching another dramatic victory, with a six from the last ball, against Warwickshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup game yesterday, Brilliant sunshine, game yesterday, Brilliant senshine, dazzling the batsmen, stopped play on Monday night with Derhyshire needing 32 and at least one wicket to spare from 22 balls for victory. In the event they scored 31 runs—because the tailender. Mike Hendrick, was a couple of inches short from grounding his bat while running two in the final over. David Evans, the umpire, sig-David Evans, the umpire, sig-nalled "one short" and Derhy-shire were this margin away from victory after Hendrick had hit the last ball of the match from Bob Willis over the long on boundary

for six.
That left Derbyshire at 189 for nine and now means they must heat Glamorgan in the final match-in their group if they are to have a chance of reaching the quarter. final round for the first time.

Derbyshire lost the wickets of Bob Taylor and James Graham-Brown in their frantic pursuit of their difficult target but Colin Tunnicilife, who hit two sixes in an over to give Derbyshire rictory over Surrey on Sunday, revived hopes. He and Hendrick were left needing 18 off the final over final round for the first time

WARWICKSHIRE: 190 · G. W. Humpege 40, D. L. Amis 451
DERBYSHIRE
J. G. Wright run out
A. J. Edrington & Bourne
G. Miller, b Bourne
E. J. Parlow & Humnage, b
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165 sends Northants on

CHELMSFORD: Northampton-sline (3pts) beat Essex by seven wickets. An unbroken stand of 155 between Mushing and Larkins steered Northamptonshire home against Essex in the Benson and Hedges Cnp yesterday. It was a record fourth wicket partnership for the competition and helped Larkins, who made 73 not out, to collect the gold award: He took three wickets for 13 as Essex were put out for 187. Mushing was undefeated with hashing was undereated with 85 when Northamotonshire, who had resumed at 20 for two, reached their target in the fifty-third over to reserve their place in the quarter-linal round. ESSEX: 137 N. Smith 51, R. E. Ess 54; W. Larling 5 for 131

Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 1)

BOWLING: Baves, 11—2—17—1; Lover, 11—2—77—1; Turner, 9—1 —11—1; Pont, 11—2—1; Earl, 5—1—0; Acticle, 8—0.3—1; Umpires: A. Jepson and D. Sang Hue

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
BATH: Summersel & Australians (11.30)
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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
BHISTOI: Glouvestershire v Kent
11.30 to 7.0..
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Warwickshire (11.0 to 6.30).
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Boxing

Ali mentions Shavers and Holmes as likely rivals

Landover, Maryland, May 16.—

Muhammad All, the world heary-weight boxing champion, retained his title here tonight by outpointing Alredo Evangelista, of Spain in a bout that often resembled more a circus toan a serious boxing match.

All's antics were sometimes comical, but often dull and the crowd of 12,000-in-the 20,000-capacity capital centre frequently booet the two boxers.

The 22-year-old Uruguayan-horn Evangelista, who was given little chance of success, went the distance and succeeded in hurting the champion with a number of puaches. All, 35, played the reluctant warrior for the first five rounds. Ha threw few punches and if Evangelista had not forced the action the match would have come to a standstill.

The champion would lean back against the ropes, motion with his gloves and arms at the challenger—nempted unavailingly to penetrate his guard.

There was no way of knowing how hard All has trying in the early touris. But to most ringsiders, he seemed to be doing his level best to stop Evangelista over the last five.

In that case the Uruguayan, now a Spanish citizen, showed a standy chin in starcing up to hairs hit starty as stardy chin in starcing up to hair in starcing up to differ in good condition—he aim in an bum ", the champion was differed afterwards.

Ali, who weighed 15st 11 lib, now has a "record of 54 wins and two losses. Evangelista, at 14st 13 lib, has won 15 contests, below two and drawn one. Ali was guaranteed \$2.71m, and Evangelista at 14st 13 lib. has won 15 contests, below two and train one. Ali was guaranteed \$2.71m, and Evangelista erceived \$35.000. The challenger in the hard his plan to engage in one last the vicinity of \$10m to \$12m. He was vague in the post-match interview about his future programme. He had been suggesting in recent days that the top contenders. Ken Norton and Jimmy Young, should meet and he would like to bave another contest against a lover-ranked challenger while was nothing definite decided yet.—Retter.

Conteh granted injunction

A High Coper judge vesterday evening granted John Conteh, the world light-heavyweight boxing Council. Alexander Elliott and Ray Clarke.

The order is effective until Friday, when the Board of Control, the Elliott and Mr Clarke, not control stripping him of his title.

The injunction was also against

Lucent on trial Lucent attempts to extend her witning sequence to four in the tape Stekes at Goodwood tomer-

Basketball

Sporting Yankee looks England's last hope

Racing Correspondent

Goodwood today stages the last recognized Derby trial in this country. This is the Silver Jubilee Year Predominate Stakes, run over a mile and a half it will need a spectacular performance from any one of the six runners this afternoon to have much of an impact on the Derby market even in this troubled year

Newmarket much easier. But that sace has been devalued Newmarket much easier. But that since then at York, where the two was confined to maidens at starting, and today's opposition looks the next time they tail.

was confined to maidens at starting, and today's opposition looks altogether much, tougher, lacidentally, Million is the Mill Reef colt who cost his owner 202,000 guiness when he was sold as a yearling. That is a record for a yearling sold at public auction in the United Kingdom.

Admirers of Hot Grove, who won the Chester Vase so decisively, will be looking to Bruni's half-brother, Royal Blend, to give them some encouragement. Royal Blend to give them some encouragement. Royal Blend was beaten five lengths by Hot Grove at Chester, where he looked a trifle uneasy racing around such a sharp course. Earlier Royal Blend bad beaten Sea Raider by two and a half lengths at Newbury. Theoretically there should be listle between them now, with Sea Raider meeting Royal Blend on 5 lb benter terms. Described to me by his trainer, Ryan Price, as "possibly my next Bruni", Sea Raider meeting Royal Blend on 5 lb benter terms. Described to me by his trainer, Ryan Price, as "possibly my next Bruni", Sea Raider is a grey. Sea Raider sprikes me as being more the type to excel in the St Leger than the Derby.

Frice is also running Nice Balance this afternoon, but this handsome Americant-bred colt has allegady this season, first at New already this season is the next time they fact mon of yesterday. Angela Riopon, the news reader on BBC relevation in the next time they factory of word vesterday. Angela Riopon, the news reader on BBC relevation, in the next time they won the start and won the start for a BBC relevation, in the next time they of word vesterday. Angela Riopon, the next time they for a from any one of the skr runners this afternoon to have much of an impact on the Derby market even in this troubled year.

The most likely winner would appear to be Sporting Yankee, if you pay heed to his victory in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster last autumn and to his stout effort in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket halfway through April. Really to fancy Sporting Yankee, though, you must obviously disregard his running in the 2,000 Guineas in which he finished only 13th. Peter Walwyn, his trainer, is content to do precisely that, reasoning that Pairick Eddery did not subject Sporting Yankee to a hard and fruitless race in the Grineas just as soon as he realized that the horse was not going to finish in the first four.

They were always going too fast for Sporting Yankee in the Guineas, which was always a possibility. But he ought to be infinitely more at home racing over a mile and a half this afternoon. Sporting Yankee's best will probably be good enough to clinch today's prize, which includes two silver jubilee beakers.

With Dick Hern's horse running into form no one ought to be surprised if Million makes his presence felt. He certainly could

semi-final will be between the Countess of Suffolk, who won the Linefield Park match and Jan Gay, who was successful at York. STATE OF GOING (GECIAL): Good-trood: Good. Rigon: Good Bangar-on-Den: Good. Newton Abbot: Good to soft. Perth: Good. Utboxeter (tamer-



Angela Rippon, "more tired than her horse", returns on Star Performance after their Goodwood victory.

Some easy pickings for southern 'vultures'

By Jim Snow Ripon has its third single a neeting this season teday the 13 races contested elete 1 been wan by horses mine egain, those volumes from a observed a travelling head lat Middleham, with understand conicism at the last Ripon reason for suggesting that the three places in the Skellgate dicap (4.15) will be occupied horses trained at Madeine Emie Weymes's Carairal as ereign, Squeak Fairhurst's Cod Scray and Harry Blacksham's P Dan. In the other five races, in ever, I expect southern stables come off best. Tast week after finishing dinburgh, carries an Etb p

Goodwood programme

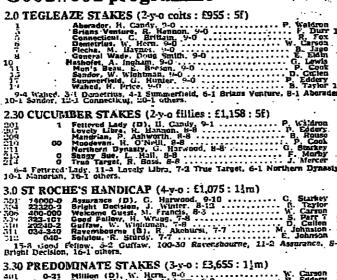
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2.45 WESTGATE STAKES (2-y-o : £649 : 5f)

3.45 ST MARYGATE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,070: 5f)

Goodwood results

2.0 (2.5) BOXGROVE HANDICAP



4.30 COURT HILL HANDICAP (£1,159: 7f) Goodwood selections

4.0 RAUGHMERE STAKES (3-y-o: £1,135: 1m)

2.0 WAHED is specially recommended. 2.30 Fettered Lady. 3.0 Bright Decision. 3.30 Sporting Yankee. 4.0 White Lancer. 4.30 Burma Pink. 2.30 True Target. 3.0 Bright Decision. 3.30 Royal Blend. 4.30 Sealette.

2.15 ALLHALLOWGATE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,054: 11m)

4.15 SKELLGATE HANDICAP (£1,040: 6f)

4.45 STONEBRIDGEGATE STAKES (£1,180 : 1m)

Ripon selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Peneralg, 2.45 Jay Mark, 3.15 Billion, 3.45 Pakpao, 4.15 Carnival Sovereign, 4.45 Sotto il Vulcano. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Duke of Hopefield, 2.45 Jay Mark, 3.45 Greeana, 4.45 Sotto II Vulcano.

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Sunderland need one point to defy logic

Football Correspondent

Sunderland hit rock bottom of the first Givision late in September. Early in February they were Bristol City 41 11 12 18 -6 34 still fixere, having won only two Covenity C 41 10 14 17 -11 34 games and given a new manager, limmy Afamson, a desperately divinity schalton to resolve. Yet of the three threatened clubs they stand marginally the best chance of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final reams, Manthe the factor of avoiding disappointment when the factor of av the season's two remaining matches crucial to relegation are matches crucial to relegation are played tomorrow night.

Sonderlend play at Everton and Coverncy City will be at home to Bristal City. It would be out of character with this excitingly complicated season if there was a straightforward way to add one of these names to that of Totsenham. Hotspur and Stoke City who have already been dismissed to the second division.

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Everton are in the middle of the battle but only trying to avoid stray bullets from the comparative safety of a midway position in the league. Covenury are the most dangerously placed because they must beat Brissol City to be sure of survival. Sunderland need one point to dely the logic of many mouths by staying in the first division. The result they least want to see, combined with a defeat for themselves, would be a draw at Coventry which would finish them. However, Coventry cannot risk playing for a draw in case Sunderland do the same or win. The

Ticketless travel to Wembley discouraged

The Football Association admirted yesterday that they would never stamp out black market Cup final rickets. But the secretary, Ted Croker, is confident that the FA are winning their battle against the touts. Mr Croker, while deploying the record amounts of cash being paid for black market ploying the record amounts of cash being paid for black market tickets for Saturday's match between Liverpool and Manchester United, said: "Prices are so high only because the steps that we have taken are working reasonably well."

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only because the steps that we have taken are working reasonably well."

He added: "We are by no means satisfied. We will never rest until we see tickets getting into the hands of people who really should have them." But, conceded: "We will never stop tickets reaching the black market. Some people who, have bought tickets legitimately will weaken rapidly if they are offered two or tirree times the face value."

The FA's main aim is to stop blocks of tickets being offered for resale.

Mr Croker also made two or previous to speciators. For those who have already purchased tickets at prices above the face value he says: "Flease let us know the number of your ticket and where you purchased it. We will avestigate every report."

And for supporters set on travelling to Weinbley in the hope of picking up a last minute ticket, the message is: "Don't bother."

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Victories on Monday for West
Ham United and Bristol City over
the FA cup final teams, Manchester United and Liverphol
respectively, helped to condemn
Stoke, who lost through a dispured penalty at Asion Villa, and
placed Coventry in the hottest
seat of all.

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Scat of all.

Sunderland looked on probably cursing that they had only drawn with Norwich City on Samrday, but the fact that they are in a position to defend themselves against relegation is a remarkable tribute to Mr Adamson's management.

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ment. The club's revival has run parallel with Mr Adamson's professional recovery. Last year he parted from Burnley after 29 years and spent the summer unemployed. He returned to his native north-east in December and possibly with the benefit of having looked at the game from without he took positive action to save a ship sinking so fast that only the masts were showing. He introduced several youngsters and at the same time forced more experienced players not to expect first

Juventus face stiffer task against Bilbao

Atletico have no imported players. They are all from the Basque country around this northern port. But in their goal-keeper, Iribar, and the dashing young forward Ruiz, they have two outstanding players from the Spanish League.

English aim goes awry after an early score

Glasgow Select 2 Football League 1
When Tweart scored for the
Football League after only six
minutes of this jubilee game at minutes of this jubilee game at Hampden Park, it seemed as though the English might swallow the Glasgow XI. But some amazing missed chances by the Football League and a fortunate penalty award brought the Scots back into the game.

Tueart's goal came from a cruss by Stanley, backheaded by Channon and Rough had no chance with the Manchester City player's shot. The Englishmen then dominated the half but Channon once and Royle twice missed easy chances with the Scottish defence in trouble.

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The English build-up was good to their finishing much too casual. Early in the second half Glasgow were given a penalty when Johnstone stumbled. Jardine equalized from the spot.

The goal encouraged the Glasgow ide and in 68 minutes Dalglish went through to score a fine goal from a MacDonald pass. Don Revie, the England manager, brought Barnes on for Royle in an effort to get the equalizes but the Scots defended grindly.

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Athletics

Severe test for Miss

moment of truth when she runs in the athletics meeting sponsored by Philips at Crystal Palace today. The 21-year-old runner has her

Yachting.

By a Special Correspondent

When conditions are right there
is no finer place to race a yacht
than the west coast of Scotland,
and the fleet gathered at Tarbert
in Loch Fyne yesterday for the
Tomatin Trophy series had their
finest racing yet. The southerly
wind held true in direction, never
blew over 18 knots, and the san
shope from a cloudless sky.

Nick Stratton, in the halftonner Hydro-Djim, is almost certain to win the main award after tain to win the main award after his fourth victory in a row yester-

Hockey

at Folkestone

Stateen hockey players from the England Under-21 squad, led by Gregory, have been selected to represent England in the jumor European townsment to be staged at Folkestone from September 15 to 18.

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The bitter memories that still affect German Jews

There is a great problem for many Jews in visiting Germany, and it has no readily available solution, because in going to Germany, many Jews feel that they are betraying those who died on German soil or by German hands, that they are being disloyal to their ancestors, and that they are forgetting the past and allowing the memory of those who were murdered to sink into oblivion. Some of this was present in my mind when I first went to Germany some years ago. On that occasion I encountered a member of the NPD, a neo-Nazi, who told me that many

of Germany's economic problems were caused by the Jews. Then, in my haiting German, and half-weeping with rage and rustration, I explained that I was Jewish. Now, if that happened, I might be better able to handle it, for last year, at a Jewish-Christian conference in Germany in dis-cussion with German Christians, I experienced a degree of intimacy rarely achieved here, for the problems German Christians have in dealing with Jews and the problems Jews have in coming to Germany were discussed freely and everybody was prepared to talk, to listen, and, above all to express their own guilt.

While I was there, one afternoon I While I was there, one afternoon I walked up the hill through the wood to the old Jewish cemetery. Throughout the Nazi period it had remained unharmed and it is now covered with leaves, logs and the marks of decay through lack of care. There were two men there, aged about thirty, who were cleaning and sweeping, mending fences and clearing the moss from gravestones, and they arrivaled that for them it was an expect moss from gravestones, and they explained that for them it was an expression of their sorrow and guilt to maintain the hundred-odd cemeteries in the area as best they could. They are not paid for it—they do it in holidays and in their spare time because they feel it is some-thing that should be done and that, if the present Jewish community of Germany will not do it, then they will. They felt strongly that the modern German Jewish community had abandoned its duties to community had abandoned its duties to those now dead, and that the memory of what happened in Germany must be so alive in the minds of the Jews that it was strange that they did not wish to maintain the physical memorials. They, as non-Jews, felt there was a break in continuity in German Jewry not only because of Nazi persecution but also because the presentday-lews in Germany did not feel that they were the successors to those who were persecuted.

This week's guest column is contributed by

Julie Neuberger, a rabbinical student at Leo Baeck College, London.



To a certain extent it is true to say that modern German Jewry is by no means the successor to that culturally and religiously strong prewar community—there are now only about 27,000 lews, whereas before the Second World War there were over half a million, and the mood is entirely dif-ferent as a result of what happened.

Synagogues have been rebuilt, but are not full; communal halls exist, beautifully equipped, but are rarely used—the Jews of Germany exist now in tiny scattered communities with little leadership; they are not an outward-looking group, and those that one meets seem self-contained and sad, a remnant with memories that have not faded but which they do not wish Lo face.

During the conference we went to a service on the Friday evening in the local synagogue—the few Jews of the town told us that it was this that they really looked forward to throughout the year, with the synagogue full to overflowing. no seats to spare, and a communal supper afterwards in the hall with singing and dancing. For us, spectators, it was over-emotional and almost meaningless, but for the few German Jews there it was notthe few German Jews there it was not—
they sat with tears pouring down their
faces, partly of joy, partly of sorrow. One
old lady, sitting bolt upright and weeping,
told me that when one saw celebrations
such as this, one could still believe that the
Jews were a people with a heart. She had
little time, however, for most of the
present Jewish community—they were
neither German nor religious, so she could
find nothing to say in their favour. The
only encouraging thing she could see was
an influx, albeit a slow one, of Jews from
South America, of German ancestry, who
were trying, gradually, to build up the
community again. As for talking to
Christians—what for? Had they not done
us enough damage? Could she not live
out her last days in her birthplace in peace,
without being bothered?

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without being bothered?

That perhaps expressed it best—for the German Jews, there is no point in talking to Christians, for the problems are too great and the anger too close. Nevertheless, Christians in Germany need Jews to talk to, and as a result they have to import them. At the conference I attended, most of the Jews were English—the German Jews stayed away—yet we ate, drank, studied and discussed in English and German and a language halfway between the man and a language halfway between the two which defies description, and despite two which defres description, and despite
the difficulties there was communication
on a very profound level, and I was left
with the impression that it is on German
soil, with all its complicated and bitter
memories, that some real Jewish Christian
understanding is achieved, even if it is
as yet without the participation of the
Lews living in Germany Jews living in German

in Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

From rhyming couplets to sex, satire and success

The trappings of success are visible and pleasant—the flower filled suite at the Savoy, overlooking the river in spring, the telephone calls, the photographer, the artist, an interviewer. Erica Jong sits in the middle of it, calm and poised after an overnight flight from New York with-out much sleep. Her first novel, Fear of Flying, made her a celebrity. For the first time, a woman had written a novel which was not only funny but also one in which she allowed herself the freedom to discuss and describe sex—something which has, up to now, only been allowed to men. A suces de scandole, for a start, followed by her second rove! Ham To Save Voir by her second novel How To Own Life, which is just out.

"I have always written, ever since was a little girl. I come from a family of painters, and I never admitted to myself painters, and I never admitted to myself that I wanted to be a writer—a professional writer. I really love to write—it makes the very happy, and I feel most alive and most real when I am writing. But I think of myself as a poet rather than a novelist—a poet who happens to write novels." There are three books of mostry—Fruite and Vegetables, Half-Lives. poetry-Fruits and Vegetables, Half-Lives, and Loveroot.

"I taught English because it never occurred to me that I would be able to support myself writing." She has a master's degree at Columbia on eighteenth-century literature, and the PhD she never finished was to have been on Alexander Pope.
"I've always been very attracted to satire—but I found I liked Byron and Swift better than I liked Pope. Though I have personally gone a long way towards free verse, I started out writing poetry which rhymed, and I liked Pope's rhymed couplets. I re-read The Dunciad recently, because I am doing some research—it's unreadable, I think because it's so full of concempotary alkusions that are now totaliv foreotten."

totally forgotten."

How To Save Your Own Life—a continuation of the life and times of her heroine, Isadora Wing—has a strongly satirical streak. "I am always glad when people say that—I have readers who take my work so literally. I have always wanted to be a satirical writer and I was rather proud of the Hollywood section of the new novel. I think I captured something of that different world in California."

She reminds me of the saying that everything that isn't nailed down in America slides into southern California, centre of the yoga institutes—"very funny, and quintessemially American. It's a marvellous place for a writer to describe, though lous place for a writer to describe, though I am forever devoted to New York. New York is a marvelloos city but rather hard to live in. People don't smile any more when they do things and nobody has enough time—that bothers me more than the murders and the rapes. The quality of life has become so bitter—but it's still a marvellous place".

Now she lives in Connecticut, two hours from the city. " It's hard to function as a writer in New York unless you are a hermit and you can lock yourself in a windowless room. I can go out seven nights a week, the telephone rings constantly, and the Zionists or the Salvationists or some other good cause always want a poet to give a free poetry reading or a celebrity to appear. I say yes to everything, a year goes by, and I haven't written a book. "Celebraty belongs to a third person-I

don't feel I am connected to it. A writer's fame is never the kind of celebrity that Robert Redford has. I'm not usually recognized in public. Air hostesses always recognized in phone. An indicesses a may recognize me. I always wonder if they would save me first if the plane crashes—I guess they won't!" Her fear of flying—so vividly described in her first novel—has now completely gone. "I have come to think that the fear of flying is a fear of flying have pend being our on your own. leaving home, and being out on your own.
I think it's fear of independence, or being out of control" Not for nothing was she married for many years to a psychiatrist. The novels are (to some people, rather horrifyingly) autobiographical. Isadora is a part of me, but for the next book I have got to do something different. I said 'I don't want to write a sequel' and How To Save Your Own Life started out as quite another book. But there were things I wanted to talk about and I want to get it absolutely right. I don't want to write

about a world I don't know at all. I gave it writers is not of their books, but on the Isadora my own pressures-and felt it was good to document them. Now I am working good to document them. Now I am working on a novel set in a historical period some 200 years ago. The hardest thing with writing is the self-doubt that creeps in Every 50 pages you reach a crisis point when you really feel like giving up. You don't believe in the character and you don't believe in the book. I believe I have started two books for every one that I have finished.

"I get a lot of mail from the poyels

"I get a lot of mail from the novels, and a lot from the poetry as well. The letters are so personal, so passionate and so serious that I have to answer them. I started by answering every one in detail then I tried answering none of them because I was simply overwhelmed, I just sent them a copy of a new, unpublished poem with my good wishes, and now I have a very good secretary-cum-researcher. I still answer a lot of them myself, if something really touches me. They can be eight, 10, or even 25 pages long. There is something in my work which is very immediate, which is what I aim for, and to which women respond. This is one of the reasons why I have revealed parts of my life, and myself. You use your own heart as a kind of laboratory—a workshop in which you can find our what other people are thinking and feeling. Many women say that nobody has told the truth about what women feel and from a woman's point of view in this way before, and they are given great relief they feel less lonely.

"So much of the criticism of women

writers is not of their books, but on the male critic's notion of what a woman should be and isn't. It runs 'If she were my wife and she wrote a book like that, I'd kill her'—it's not kierary criticism, it's criticism from a patriarchal society.

"There has been a great deal of the pattern of retribution in novels about

pattern of retribution in novels about women, starting in the nineteenth century—the heroine nearly always dius"—she goes on to cite Edna O'Brien, whom she much admires, and Mary McCarthy, as writers in this tradition. "The women seeks for independence, and a terrible retribution falls—even for just some small thing, like speaking up to her husband. It is the guilt that we turn against ourselves. I've been called an erotic writer (which I don't think I am). In any case, in erotic writing there is always the dock in erotic writing there is always the that emerges-five months of bliss

and 50 years of misery...

I remember Rebecca West wrote a piece in the TLS on modern women novelists saying that the theme could still be 'How could you use a poor maiden sn' and that little had changed since the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. I wanted to change this to show someone loving, leaving and going on-it was a great break through to love and sarisfac-

tion."
And so Erica Jong surveys the next book, the large eyes that don't miss much, behind enormous glasses. There's a distinctly satirical look there. It might just be the twentieth-century Dunciad. With sex, of course.

Philippa Toomev



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Correspondent ilry between Spanish and 1 professional goifers will be ued today when the march-championship sponsored by lliance begins at Stoke

Spaniards are competing eek, including four who have ive of the first six important sional tournaments this Severiano Ballesteros. Severiano Ballesteros,
of the French Open and
3-money winner last year,
21-year-old J. Reynolds
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Royal Captain; R. Fosier
Park), Captain; R. Fosier burch won the Welsh team golf championship

second year running at y yesterday, when they Royal St David's Club.

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Three top seeds find little opposition in first round

Rome May 17.—The three top game. He held on grimly in the seeds; Adriaho Panatta, of Italy, minth before Nastase completed the seeds; Adriaho Panatta, of Argentina and like Nastase, of Argentina the second gastly into the second round of the Italian remus championiships here today. Nastase, making full use of his drop shots, defeated Belus Prajoux, of Chile, 6—2, 6—3. Panatta, the top seed, to the net only to see the ball had an even easter outing in spinning past him. Panatta, conbeating the American, Nicholas Saviano, 6—1, 6—2. Vilas, the Saviano's service in the second second seed, found little opposition' from Roger Taylor, of three aces in the third and went force.

Nastase broke Prajoux's first two services to take the first set then looked like ending the match in a matter of minutes as he broke the Chilean's first two services in the second set But in a desperate attempt to salvage something. Prajoux lought back to break Nastase's service in the eighth 6-3.

Yesterday's results in Rome

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(Paraguay): beat; J. Delaney (US).

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(Yugoslavia): beat C. Hagey (US).

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Rugby Union Well trained Lions eager

for successful tour Masterion, New Zealand, May 17.—The British Lious Rugby Union players will have their first game for several weeks here to morrow and are eager for the New Zealand tour to hegin in as successful a way as possible.

On the form shown in training today the Lious are well prepared for the opening match of the tour against Wairarapa-Bush.

The Lious' backs moved crisply and well in their final work-out (Cardiff): D. L. Outmiell (Lianelli and Wales, partially, D. B. Williams and well in their final work-out

and well in their final work-out with perhaps only a slight worty-about the speed of ball clearance from the manis and set-pieces by scrum half, Bryumor Williams. The pack, with the tall and heavy locks. Nigel Horton and Moss Keans, will provide the Lions with a substantial advantage. in the linouts and scrummages. in the linoids and scrummages.

Much inverest will centre on the performance of Horton who has a reputation for being an uncompromising player and a dedicated student of lineout and scrummaging techniques. But interest will not stop with Horton for, as with every tour, opinions of ability can be formed only after the first match.

the first match.

John Dawes, the coach, uninrains he will be satisfied simply
with a win tomorrow, but he will
be looking for more than that. He
said they were keen and it and same may were keen and it and eager to get these first two games over because none of them had played in a match for several weeks. said they No one here expects Waltarana-Bush m win tomorrow's match, but a three-bach covering of snow

and handling difficult for the Lions.

British Lions: B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir and Scotland); P. J. Squires (Harrogate and England), I. R. McGaechan (Headingley and Scotland), D. H. Burcher (Newport and Wales), J.- J. Williams (Lianelli and Wales); P. Bennett (Lianelli and Wales); P. Bennett (Lianelli and Wales); P. L. Quinnell (Lianelli and Wales), N. E. Horton (Moseley and England), M. K. Keane (Lansdowne and Ireland), T. J. Cobner (Pontypool and Wales), G. Price; (Pontypool and Wales), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester and England), P. A. Orr (Old Wesley and Ireland) Reserves: Backs: A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP and Scotland), G. L. Evans (Newport and Wales), D. W. Morsan (Stewart's-Melville FP and Scotland), R. W. Windsor (Pontypool and Wales), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock College and Ireland).

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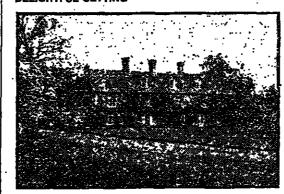
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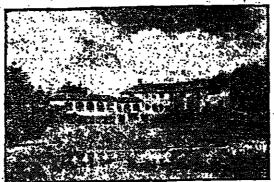
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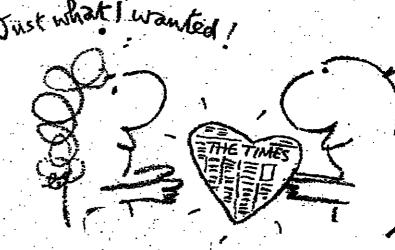
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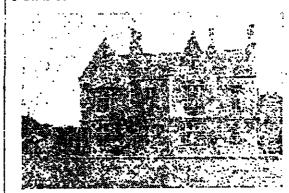
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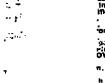
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Timothy Raison on the need for elected representatives to curb the big power blocks

MPs must make sure that the incomes policy buck stops in Parliament

The last year or two has taught us to add one more to the rites of spring—the great incomes policy chase, or perhaps it is better to see et as the approach of a medieval tournament, with the unions starpening their lances, the CBI burnishing its shield and the government desperately trying to find its armour. The peasants are left hoping that they will not be crushed underfoot—and Members of Par-hament wondering whether they might be allowed to book a seat in a spectror stand. Parliament's role in all this that I want to discuss. It that Parliament is not capable of playing a creative role in the formation of incomes policy, whether because it is oo big, too awkward or tee incerresentative of the vital nteress in management and lapour and therefore incapable of delivering the goods. The result has been that incomes policy has been negotiated by government, under the Construction varives, on a tripartite basis with TUC and CBI, culminating with Mr Heath's October, 1974, proposal for a televised NEDC negotizing forum; and then under Labour through the bilateral social contract with

hagiographer) behind the back of Parliantent.



Ancurin Sevan and Mr Michael Foot: the irony of Parliament's exclusion from the mechanics of incomes policy.

with outside bodies, and then presenting Parliament with a fait accompli." And the outside body to which he specifically referred was the TUC!

To be fair, people have argued for decades whether Parliament is capable of deuling with our great economic and industrial problems, and the idea of an industrial Parthe unions, as well as Mr Healiament was often mooted—by let's current notion of the "conditional" tax reduction.

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Parliament has only really other countries, including Weicome into the act at the legis may Germany, Mussolini's Italy lative stage—as for instance n and post-war France have 1975 when it passed the statute made experiments in that on which the government's direction. More recently we present "non-statutory" policy have been alerted by among is founded. That year we had not merely to convert a White and Mr. J. T. Winkler, to the pot merely to convert a White and Mr J. T. Winkler, to the chosen. Nor can it be said that growth of corporatist tenden. our economic performance has ment but even do the same for cies in our own society, embo-The irony is that the minister liberal democratic notions on how could I rliament do in charge of all this was Mr which Parliament has been better? Clearly the problem is blickael Front—the biographer based. Whether corporation aways hable to exist so long. of has taken the form of trying to as we plump for imposed in-nce use outside bodies as lastru-comes policies. Nevertheless, Bevan, who once use outside hodies as instructiones policies. Nevertheless, I have protested, on ments of government or as there are steps we could take than one occasion negotiating equals of government do not assolutely than the occasion of the country of the than one occasion negotiating equals of govern which do not assolutely the Government going ment has varied; but either depend on scrubbing incomes way Parliament has been the policy. For a start, it should be loser.

with issues like incomes policy? I believe that we have assumed too readily that Parliament is nor, and that the results have been harmful. There has been increasing resemment at the notion that the unions should have a monopoly of influence on the government in these matters; the consent on which incomes policies are bound to devend is suffering as a result; the in-terests of both dynamic management and consumers appear to count for nothing; and power is widely felt to be slipping away from those whom the electorate has

tion for what has happened, How could Indiament do

group of some culture, and by Khasaks, more primitive herders

But does it matter, and is unwieldly Chamber of the to see that the debate must Parliament capable of dealing House of Commons is in fact capable of searching debate of complicated matters, as it has recently shown with the Scotland and Wales Bill. And the debate has a reality that derives from the fact that those taking part in it have at the end of the day to be accountable to their elec-Ah yes, it will be said, but the

true electorate in this matter lies not in the constituencies but on the shop floor and per-haps the buardrooms. Of course, there is something in the more we accept it, the more we ensure that power moves away from the elected representatives of everybody power blocks outside-to the despair of ordinary people. are strong between the Labour parliamentary party and the unions, and I believe that the commitment to purliamentary democracy is still strong enough to make it possible for Labour to change course, and

come back to the Commons. But a change of course, heart, would not by itself be enough. Parliament must also enough. Parliament must also equip itself to do its job bet-ter. In the Chamber v. Committees arguments that go on when the working of Parliament is discussed, I am nor-mally a Chamber man. Nevertheless there is one committee

development that could be highly important which I recently put forward in the form of an early day motion. My fellow signatories spanned the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and the Accounts Committee and the 1922 Committee, two vice-chairman of both the 1922 Committee and the backbench Tory Finance Committee and a former chief secretary of the Treasury.

The motion called for "the establishment of a committee on economic and industrial affairs which would have the powers of both a select committee to investigate, call witpesses and report on matters within its remit and also of a standing committee to consider any legislation that falls within & Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Finance Bill)".
The aim of the motion is two-fold. By combining the tasks of investigation and scrutinizing legislation under one committee we would take the one step that is essential if we want committees to have more At the same time, the commit-tee could acquire the knowledge and continuing bits and authority which would enable it really to get to grips with economic and industrial mat-ters in the service both of Parment as a whole and of all those who crave for more sta-

bility and coherence in our policies in these fields.

Clearly, this committee would have a particular func-tion in relation to NEDC. Indeed, a way might be found in which NEDC would report to the committee as well as to the committee as well as to government. (The present director general of NEDC has lamented the difficulty of establishing any effective relationship with MPs.) Equally seriously by the House itself-but here the power to examine legislation, both in pre-legisla-tive and committee stage, tive and committee stage, would give it an organcy and force that the present select

committees hardly have. At the

might be a parallel committee

to deal with finance and taxawhatever the merris or this sort of approach. It is at least highly topical. I hope the idea will be treated very seriously; otherwise we may increasingly see disillusionment with Parliament spread, not so much because of its inability to do its job, but because of its unwillingness to do it. Members of Parliament

The author is Conservative MP for Aglesburg.

must be prepared to say that the incomes policy buck stops

The bulldozes' threat to ou Roman heritase at Milton Keyles

lies like the threatening shadow The trouble of a Juggernaut across the is that tell, the most important Roman site still unexcavated in arciaeologica Britain, Magiovinium is a haunting name of mystery from our past. Its position, straddling sites Warling Street and Hanked on one side by the River Ouzel, has been identified only by the distance intervals in the especially Antonine Innerary Recest -inexcavated ones far larger than the scheduled area of the ancient monument, which was delinered on the assumed line of defences as are not

spectacular

For example, Mr Nicholas Farrant in the report of his recent excavations to be published shortly describes the destioned by some thought foundations of early timber. Papie, since there are already framed structures at a considerable distance from Watling orth and south of Min Street, which evidently form the coad entities.

interpreted from aerial photo-

Street, which evidently form sevences, part of a much larger plan. The road engineers of the There is a very real possibility Department of the Environment that they are connected with a were instructed in their big fort for all or part of the not to disturb the site of high Fourteenth Legion, which windows But at public inquire seems to have held the center into the alignment of the gof the Plautian Fosse Vay (D) in 1973 and 1975 in fourteent around AD 47. Its accused personalized by phison of the Plautian Fosse Vay (D) in 1973 and 1975 in in frontier" around AD 47. The argued persuasively by chisen have been part of a deliberate site extends far beyond a policy of demolition before the Roman advance to Wales AD truncated by the trunk road; other possibility is that a fame.

The roadmen pressed on the confirmation of the processed on the confirmation of the processes of the processes on the confirmation of the processes of the processes on the processes of the pro The roadmen pressed on a persuaded. But they were held winium after the edvance for Wales, and that its fort was burnt in the Boudiccan profit. The five or six disches in far excavated, suggest a first centered. first of all for six month tury arrempt to drain the land as an aid to the establishment of a permanent civilian settlenent. An ironstone wall has been found, suggesting a building in later and more proserous times. In short, we probably have a previously usenown Claudian fort at Magiorinum, which would make it a monuwhich would make it a monu-ment quite as algorificate to our national heritage as Mentmore Towers. Magiovining could become a living archeological site beside the new town of Milton Keynes, which is des-perately in search of a histori-cal and cultural identity, and on whose outslivity the Roman. on whose outskirts the Roman military site lies.

The trouble is flat archaeo-logical sites, especially unexca-vated ones, are not spectacular items in our national heritage. The Department of the Environment and the Milton Keynes Development Carporation propose to drive a new trunk road within 50 yards of the scheduled ancient monument, and so through land that clearly holds remains of one of the very few untouched Roman towns in the county. The road is broad to the county the road to be seen that the property by is known to the planners by the unlovely designation of AS where Aulus Plantius's lesion gloried and drank deep and le their marks on the conquen (D). It is in fact a diversion to bring Wating Street closer to the centre of Milton Keynes: an exercise whose prudence is

of the land under which Mass vinion lies, who wanted as eventually got a cattle-deg under the new road for he stock. Then last summer the A:
(D) was postponed for one of
two years because of the cun in government expenditure However, it is likely that the bulldozers will start cuting through Magiovinium late the year or next year. The & Action Council has suggested a alternative route for the secon sire, following one of the cire planned grid roads called the VS. Apart from its archaeobgical advantages, the VS rout is shorter and would save sine of the £23m that the diversion was going to cost a year ago. Mr David Kessler, chairman of the A5 Action Council, says: Milton Keynes Development Corporation has not seen fit to adopt our alignment in view of its professed and gamine the environment. We a gently need a truly independent in quiry into the feasibility of re va. Otherwise bulldozers, lo shortly keep for ever the st





One man at least who was not eyeless in China

Bernard Levin

I am well aware that in some western circles any suggestion that China has not achieved. unique among all civilizations Paradise upon earth is regarded as evidence either of lunacy or malignancy, and in many cases both. As one who has long ago forfeited any claim, from the inhabitants of such circles, on sanity or good faith, by refusing to describe the system of government in Occupied Poland as an exciting experiment in participatory socialist democracy. I am not much concerned, and I imagine that Professor Edward Luttwak, of Johns Hopkins University. whose recent article on China in the American magazine Commentary I was discussing and quoting yesterday (by permission of the editor), is likewise armoured in his wickedness against such criticism. But answers to a large number of questions. For he travelled through China with eyes and ears open and mind ajar, and came back with a report that differs sharply from most of the credulous swallowing of everything the Chinese guides tell their visitors. For instance, the thought of the Chinese as colonialist oppressors and explaiters will strike as bizarre or plain mad even many who are willing to entertain the thought that the Soviet Union is in all important respects an imperialist power, and a par-ticularly bad and cruel one, too. But what are we—or rather they—to make of this report by Professor Luttwak?

Unlike the British colonial Unlike the British colonial rulers, or even the French, the Chinese obviously can see no virtue in the survival of the local cultures, and still less in the survival of local reliaions. Chinese colonialism is therefore oppressive not merely politically but also culturally.

Thus in Tiber it was quite clear that the literacy promoted by that the literacy promoted by the regime was in Chinese and

net in Tibetan; in the surpris-ingly large bookshop we found in Lhasa, all the books were in Chinese, except for the "Little Red Book" of Mao's select quotations. No Tibetan records or pusters were to be had, and the use of that ancient written language is now confined to the slogans on the walls and to some sering on the locally nonduced singans on the walls and to some script on the locally produced match-boxes. Nor can a Tibeton read any Buddhist texts, for none are available, ell or new. The only manifestation of the native culture tolerated by the regime is Tibeton "production." regime is Tibetan " revolutionliterally translated from Chinese originals, but whose music is

In Tibet we had seen the gentle and always exceedingly polite Chinese undergo a transformation into classic district-commissioner types. Their gestures became visibly more expansive, and their language with our local hosts quite clearly abrupt. Our excerts did not bother to hide their suigers as we were In Tibet we had seen the gentle Our excepts did not bother to hide their sniggers as we were served Tibetan yak-butter tea, and they acted out for us little wordless playlers of ridicule as we toured the altars of the one restored Tantric temple in Lhasa. I asked a Chinese official resident in Tibet since 1960 how to say "please" and "thank you" in Tibetan. He did not know, I asked him to translate "move" 20" and "faster". He know. " move", " go "
" faster ". He know.

And just as it is easy to for-get, when surveying Soviet colonialism, that it is not confined to the Baltic states and the eastern European nations subjugated during and after the Second World War, but also includes those proud and ancient peoples inside the borders of the Soviet Union irself, so we should not forget that much the same is true of

Always in theory part of the Chinese empire, but rarely under effective imperial rule. Sinking is inhabited in equal measure by newly settled Chinese and by Turkic peoples, mainly Uighurs, a sedemary

Khasaks, more primitive herders and farmers, as well as by Uzbeks and Khurgiz, all Uving alongside smaller minorities of diverse origin. As in Tibet, Chinese rule in the region is in every respect a colonial phenomenon . . but there the locals are not submissive. Tihetan Buddhists. They are Turks—proud, tough, and by no means cowed. The intense friction between Turks and Chinese was clearly manifest even in the very clearly manifest even in the very restricted circle of party cadres with which we came into contact. Fresh from the airport we went to see the Sinkiang Exhibition in the capital of the region, Urumchi, where I talked to an Uighur official of the reception committee in a mixture of Turkish and Arabic—heterating the last two languages. ture of Turkish and Arabic—he-speaking the last two languages for better than I. This turked out to be my only genuine con-versation with a Chinese citizen during the whole journey in China. The Uighur did not hesi-ture to cooklean developments. tate to speak, and volunteered illuminating comments on the inevitable official briefing which inevitable official briefing which was being given as we toured the Exhibition. Several of our escorts repeatedly instructed the Uighur to stop this unauthorized conversation, which they could not monitor. They spoke to him as they would have spoken to a Tibetan, the tones of sharp command coming through even in Chinese.

At times Professor Luttwak's report enrages the reader not so much because of what it contains, but because of what it implies about those previous visitors to China who have seen what he has seen and shut their eyes to it. The contrast has struck him, too:

Perhaps the most bransparent of all the simulations of social equality one sees in China is the mock-equality of dress. Almost everybody wears the standard holler-sult, the Mao uniform. But some are made of rough cotton and others of delicate gabardine, and still others of good-quality wool. Senior party men would wear their equality in carefully tallored

worsted wool, and their Mao suits had much more in com-mon with Pierre Cardin than mon with Pierre Cardin than with the blue cotton outfits of ordinary people. And yet in the post-1972 reports of China it is the theme of visible equality that is most insistently advanced.

It is an intellectual mystery rich deserves careful research. After the great warning of the Russian Potentkin tours of the 1930s, how could our intellec-Russian Potemkin tours of the 1930s, how could our intellectuals and our journalists—often explicitly miniful of the precedent—fall into the very same trap? What is the powerful urge to believe against all reason? I asked myself the question after just having read John Kenneth Galbraich's scholarity explanation of why there are no queues in China and then looking at the very long lines of hopeful Peking shoppers waiting to buy vegetables. I asked myself the question remembering James Reston's enthusiastic articles while I was being given a medical exam in the same hospital where he was operated upon—an exam in which ill-calibrated instruments yielded fantastic, impossible readings. I asked myself the question in heautiful Kweilin, visited by congressional iadies and sundry Senators, none of whom appears to have seen the grinding poverty evident in the thousands of women and old men harnessed like arimals to carts loaded down with concrete blocks or like animals to carts loaded down with concrete blocks or heavy tanks of night soil.

Professor Luttwak did have, it is true, one advantage desied to many China visitors. Normally, as he explains,

In Peking and Shanghai the visitor is housed in the center of rown, and there is none of the physical insulation so visible in Urunchi. Instead it is a very crowded program which normally keeps the visitor from seeing those cities for himself, as they really are: the usual China tour provides for a ceasuless sequence of action visits from 8 am to 8 pm. In theory this still leaves the late evening hours open for individual hours open for individual exploration, but even in Peking this free time is of no consequence, since at hight there is absolutely nothing to see or do. There are no open tea houses or shops to be found, and no restaurants or bars; there is not even street lighting, except for a few major boulevards. Soon after 8 pm the streets are deserted.

But in the course of Professor Luttwak's visit Mao died; this meant that all official grammes were cancelled, together, of course, with the planned meetings his group were expecting to have with government leaders. They were therefore able to see something of Peking other than the care fully stage-managed tour with its relentlessly crowded time-table. His explorations were

Immediately we discovered that the broad boulevards through which we had driven back and forth and the shopping street near our hotel were utterly different from the rest of the city. Instead of asphalt and concrete, the real Peking was made of beaten earth, mud and sun-dried brick, its people living and working in narrow unpaved alleys lined with low buildings grouped around small courtyards. Inside were homes and workshops. Instead of the near factories of the tour circuit, we saw how much of urban China really works, in miserably illequipped shanties. In one, dozens of women crowded the narrow doorway as they sorred out the single thigs of medicinal herbs by hand; another was a classic sweatshop out of New York in the 1896s, with a roomful of women working elbow to clbow on sewing machines of ancient design; in still another we saw men making wooden cotton looms with small hand tools—no electricity seemed to be connected at all.

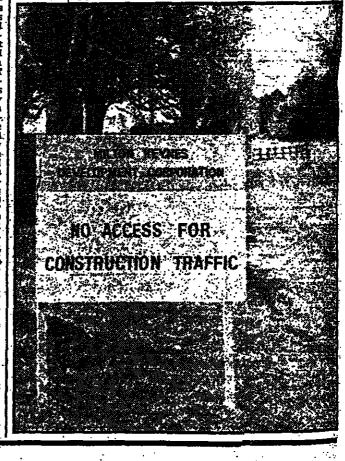
And it is not only working conditions of which the reality contrasts so sharply with the claims made—and believed. It is also living conditions:

The weather was warm, doors @Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

and windows were open; in the early evening I passed a typical room, illuminated by a naked 30-watt bulb dangling from the ceiling. About six people were preparing to go to bed; there were two beds in the room and not much space in between. The only other furniture was a decorated trunk-box, and a large 1930s-style radio. This was the housing of old Peking subdivided for an expanded population. new housing one saw.

newly built apartment blocks, seemed to be no less crowded. There too the usual 30 watt bulb would reveal several people in There too the usual 30-watt bulb would reveal several people in each room; the standard three room apartment accommodates three separate families. With its unpaved streets, its crowded alleys, and its one-storey buildings, much of Peking is in fact village rather than city, and most of its population lives a miserably poor village life. If the Chinese maintain a prison-camp system for their politicals as the Russians do, they hardly need it; to be removed from one's post, to lose one's apartment and be forced to live among the ordinary folk, should be punishment enough for any deviationist in the party. We were, of course, never invited home by any of the officials we dealt with. But from the apartment of a diplomat friend one could look directly into an apartment house, reserved for middle-ranking cadres; they too lived it, standard direct-noom apartments, but, each housed only a single family, and instead of the maked 30-watt bulb of ordinary folk, these apartments were well-lit. More semior cadres have their own small houses with a bit of garden around, but nobody has ever seen how the top echelon lives, for their housing is hidden behind the high walls of the elie residential compounds.

I shall conclude on Friday, with an attempt to set out some. of the conclusions Professor Lutrwak's revolutionary report on revolutionaries China inevitably provokes.



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Another angle on support for the arts in Eritain

I thought a wall in one of the exhibition rooms at the Royal Academy was about to collapse and that was why they had put the buttress in position. It looked a strange kind of sup-port, though. Solid wood, with black squiggles on one side and a black blob on the other, and with add hits of metal, strek with odd bits of metal stuck

Was it ... could it be ... an exhibit? I hardly dared ask. Only 10 minutes earlier, I had stood in front of three wooden boxes with a letter-box slit in their top. There was no exhibit number on them. I beckoned an attendant. He

gave me a frosty look and told me they were not exhibits. They were ballot boxes. Visitors would use them to vote for the exhibit they liked the most and exhibit they liked the most and the winner would get £1,000.

I thanked him and moved off in the direction of the buttress.

Academy's Jubilee Prize of £1,000. I am still haunted by that look.

the wall.

Even when I saw the number entries in the catalogue—For-tress 1—I was dubious. It took another attendant to convince me that this was, indeed, a for-tress, as conceived by Martin Navior

angle and resting, flush, against

The eyes have it

This game of "Is it, or isn't
it?" bas become an integral
part of any Royal Academy
summer exhibitions and you can play it again this year. It may appal the aesthetes but it does create talk, and talk can readily be converted into admission tickers. I do not see what it all has to do with art, but perhaps I have spent too much time looking at works that speak to the beart and ravish the eye Happily, the heart and eye are very well catered for elsewhere in this year's summer show There is the long, intelligent face of Barbara McComb, whose eyes quietly plead with you to go on taking to her. Her portrait has earned her

And there is another fascinating lady in the show, this time in resin and naked, fiddling with a non-existent suspender and thrusting her left foot into the room at a dangerous angle. I hope Bernard Sindall's the exhibition ends (it opens to the public on Saturday).

The spring-like starshine that bathed the Royal Academy for

the press preview yesterday took on tactile form in yet another fascinating lady on show. She is young and rides a bicycle which has spokeless wheels; her legs are swung forward for the sheer joy of it and she is smiling. How appropriate, I thought that in the room just behind Sydney Hurpley's lovely cyclist is a Peter Freeth equating of lines by Lorenzo Il Magnifco: Quant a hully aiguings of the city of the company of the city of the ci è bella, giovinezza, che si jugga tuttavia. . . .

No guesses

I will not even guess which exhibit the visiting public will decide deserves the £1,000 prize But I think I know the one I would select. It is small and you may miss it unless you



Burden of chain mail

Chain letters were fun when one was small—besides, stamps were relatively inexpensive in those days. First post went by something called the Penny Black. Imagine my surprise, then, when I received a chain letter the other day ordering me to send 20 copies to friends and acquaimances.

"The letter must leave you within 96 hours?, the instructions said. "Send 20 copies and see what happens on the fourth day after. Trust in the Lord with all your heart in the knowledge that he will light the way."
Now the last bit is fine; a

good Biblical sentiment. The occult overtones of the rest of the letter, however, displeased me greatly. Dire penalties were implied if I did not follow the instructions, well . . . to the

This so-called "prayer", devised I was informed by "a missionary in Venezuela", went prize. But I rhink I know the one I would select. It is small bare-walled room. Her hands and you may miss it unless you rest in a basin. That is all, promptly lost his job. Then he raise your gaze quite high. A apart from the sun and shadows woman sits by a window, in a and a magnificent simplicity.

Indicate the sets on warn. A Mr Brandt of catalogues (five in number) that were officially priced at f30 were being found the letter, sent out 20 peddled at an astonishing time tenerated at warn. A Mr Brandt of catalogues (five in number) that were officially priced at f30 were being peddled at an astonishing time tenerated at the sets.

Top people who read this Top people wno reag cas newspaper will care to note that last Thursday, the viewing day at Mentmore for "special guests", 12,000 visitors passed the gates. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, when saturday and standay, when anyone (well, anyone not so special) could visit, the figures were 8,000, 5,000 and 5,000. I noticed that the sets

Mr Bereskelli broke the chain because he did not believe in it and three days later he died.

Worse still, a Mr Walsh of the Philippines, won \$775,000 on the day he received the chain letter, but six days later was killed because he did not continue the chain. For no reason must this chain be broken, concluded the terrible missive.

Is there no law against this kind of intimidation? Surely the Royal Mail should not be abused in this way. Needless to say, I have not continued the chain. Thus far—several days later—I have not won the pools. Neither have I lost my job.

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My illusions were shattered

when the same lady told me that atterers and compulsive

when the same lany told me that her outlit was looking for a young, unknown actor to recrease the legend. "Hopefully", she added, PR-wise, "he will be keen on speed" What, I did not dare to inquire, if he only liked marijuana? When the penny finally dropped, I realized that she was working in motion yesterday the search for a new James Dear For the new musical is base on the life of the legenday Hollywood star who was killed in a motor crash at the age if 1978 meeting. The just a motor crash at the age if 1978 meeting. The just and provide guidelines for the legenday musical is base on the life of the legenday mechanisms in the 1975 proposals. So, ext year's conference has just on the channel of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the channel of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the channel of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the channel of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the channel of a conference has just on the failure of a conference that the specific and technology experts discussed in the failure of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has just on the failure of a conference has ju Dean is written by two Fig. 1979.

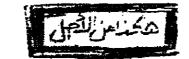
Ashmen (John Howless, the anthor (Dean's biography, and Robern Campbell). The direction to 1 Robert Hawden and the show all open on August 23.
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from to play Sal Mines, Elis
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who Dean had a brief affair).

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THE LOBBY SHOULD GO PUBLIC

THE LOBBY

The Prime Minister rold the House of Commons on Monday, are not responsible for what is subsequently published. This enables them to guide the interaffair, that he did not think the lobby system had worked well on lobby system had worked we this occasion. This is the system on the hereby briefings are given on whereby briterings are garren what is known as an unattributable basis to journamentary lobby: in other words, the journalists may use the information but may not indicate who gave it to them. Such briefings may be given by Ministers civil servants or lead-ing members of the other parnes; and all conversations conducted by lobby journalists are on an unattributable basis unless it is specifically stated otherwise. in this particular instance the briefing in question was given by the Prime Minister's Press secretary, Mr Tom McCaffrey.

If it were simply a matter of an isolated mistake having been made on this occasion, for whatever reason, that would still be highly regrettable because of the embarrassment and discourtesy to Sir Peter Ramsbotham. But-it would not require any change in procedure. It is quite different, lowever, if the error flowed rom the weakness of the system itself. The case for the lobby arrangements as they operate at present is that they encourage the disclosure of more news about governmental activities than would be likely if all informants, official or otherwise, were always to be named. That is no small advantage in a country where the principle of open government remains no than an ideal on politicians' lips.

The disadvantage of the system is that it facilitates news management and permits misunderstanding. By the rules of now. Lobby journalists would

pretations of journalists without themselves being held to account and to fly kites about official intentions which can then be denied if the public response is unfavourable. Moreover, by these arrangements journalists are not permitted to quote directly -which can lead, as it has done in this instance, to dispute as

to what was actually said.

To conclude from this that the lobby system should be swept away would be facile. The public would know much less about the process of government and the calculations of politicians if it were. But there is a case for changing some of the basic assumptions. As a general rule, the business of the Government should be transacted publicly. There is no reason why a good many briefings now given unattributably to the lobby should not be on the record. That applies to most routine briefings and to nearly all briefings by information officers. The exceptions should be matters concerned with defence and with -relations between our own and any other government. If briefings on such subjects could not be given unattributably they would often not be given at all. This would still enable Mini-

information officers to give unattributable briefings any subject when they considered this necessary—though it is to be hoped that Ministers in particular would be prepared to speak to the lobby on the record much more frequently than they do

sters and officials other than

continue to hold private conversations on an unattributable basis. This is not an arrangement confined to lobby

journalists, or indeed confined to Britain. There are background or unattributable briefings and conversations the world over. Without such a device Ministers could not disclose the trend of their thinking in advance, dis-agreements between Ministers and departments would never be revealed and many an abuse of government would not come to light. Time and again the disclosure of injustice or incompetence depends on confidential information from many different levels of the government machine. Yet civil servants would be muzzled if they knew that every time they spoke to a journalist their names were likely to appear in a newspaper. In the attempt to ensure that the sources of information should not be tainted it would be foolish to take measures that dried them up altogether.

It is the balance that needs to be changed. There should be the presumption in all collective lobby briefings that the proceedings should be on the record unless there is an overriding reason to the contrary. If this means, because of parliamentary protocol over timing, that what is said at certain lobby briefings would have to be embargoed until a specified time then so be it. That should not present much difficulty. But it would be better if more statements of official intentions were made by Ministers and their spokesmen in their own words, which could then be examined and challenged, rather than filtered through the medium of journalistic interpretation.

WE ARE ALL OF US POORER NOW

It was a fundamental condition cake remains relatively stable, of the trade union movement's that is small consolation to those acceptance of pay controls two who can only afford bread. Basic years ago that the poor should be safeguarded. The redistributive tendency of phases one and two has already strained the allegiance of skilled workers whose differentials have shrunk. But the Low Pay Unit's evidence to the Royal Commission on Wealth yesterday argues that inflation has nevertheless affected the badly-off more severely than other workers. It is evidence apt for use by opponents of formal or informal vage restraint as proof that the ocial contract has been a shami, although the Low Pay Unit does not draw this conclusion and the real lessons are very different

overall rate of inflation conceals ather more rapidly than the security payments, itself a part goods one may buy if one has of the bargain with the TUC, is noney to spare. If the price of now made to look a sham in the

who can only afford bread. Basic food and fuel prices have risen more in the past few years than the prices of alcohol, tobacco and household durables. As a result the poor have suffered an effectively slightly higher rate of inflation than others. In addition, inflation means that people with smaller and smaller real incomes are brought within the income tax bracket; Mr Healey's budgets have fallen far short of cancelling this factor out. Differential inflation is a minor

source of injustice compared to the tendency of taxation and social security together to trap families in poverty. Part of the answer is to raise tax thresholds, but higher child benefits also

The unit points out that the bave a role to play, rerall rate of inflation conceals. The Government's effort to the fact that the goods one must safeguard the worst off by main-buy have increased in price taining the real value of social

light of the Low Pay Unit's estimate that inflation for a poor household has been 77.8 per cent since Labour came to power, compared to 73.2 per cent for the rest. Basic supplementary benefits paid to a couple have risen 77.2 married per cent in the same period, and pensions, thanks to Mr Jack Jones, by 96 per cent.

Workers earning about twice the industrial average four years ago are quite often receiving in real terms after tax twenty or thirty per cent less today. Those on managerial or professional salaries have generally suffered far worse. Even if the problem of tax thresholds had been better handled it is unlikely that any public policy in the past two years could have saved low earners from sharing in the almost universal decline in real incomes, any more than it will be able to control them in future if wage inflation gets out of hand again.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SHIRKS ITS JOB

rom the Archbishop to his own irst wife, President Amin knows. no mercy. He kills, causes to be filled, presides over a growing pparatus for killing, and does ot balt the slaughter. Everyfor six years. Nobody knows ow many have died. There omes a point at which numbers organized state massacres, ail to register on the mind. It the localized atrocity not the tatistical enormity that pro-luces horror. It is detail rather ban numbers that sicken. The nternational Commission of urists calculate, on the best vidence they have been able to ollect and sift, that since leneral Amin seized power in 971, about 100,000 men, women nd children have been laughtered by his army and ccurity organization. Two of is former ministers, Messrs ibedi and Rugamay, in conributing to that evidence, greed that in the first three

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ears up to 1973 or so-the total pproximated 80,000. In recent years, the Comiolence has diminished under ic influence of the worldwide ublicity which the reports of min's regime by refugees from ganda have received in the ress. If this is really so, only ood can come of giving the I's report, published in eneva yesterday, the fullest entilation and discussion. Howver, to some extent there must e less need for Amin to keep n the slaughter, for the populaon is by now intimidated and

cowed, its intellectual cadre destroyed or dispersed.

The embers of revolt certainly burn in many hearts but the response to such a terror is always better self-effacement. The other reason is that Communist—mainly Russian and Czech—training of the secret police has enable them to operate with greater selectivity and refinement of methods. Because the death rate has fallen, it does not mean that the agony which rises like a miasma from the camps and prisons of Uganda has much abated.

All this has gone on almost in public, for Uganda is not behind the Iron Curtain. African frontiers cannot be sealed efficiently. The Organisation of African Unity ignores the matter. President Amin presided in his turn over the OAU summit. The African states protect him from criticism in the United Nations. The International Commission of Jurists in February put their findings on Uganda before the United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva under the chair-manship of Mr Aleksander Bozovic, but without engendering any reactions. This was a repetition of United Nations indifference to the massacres, not less horrible or numerous, though less publicized, which occurred in Burundi. (Indeed, United Nations agencies in Burundi were accused of cooperating with President Micombero.)

The Human Rights Commission is quite active in respect of South Africa, Chile and some other countries which its membership agree are inhumanely oppressive regimes. For the Human Rights Commission to live up to its title by a strong resolution, white men have to torment and debase black men or right wing secret police have to maltreat liberals or leftists; no other "abrogation of Human Rights" seems to produce any protest.

In short, the Human Rights Commission has little or nothing to do with rights, justice or human concience. It is, or has become, a political and propaganda body. It makes a mockery of human rights, as solemnly written into international conventions. Such rights in the Ugandan context prove to be not only non-justiciable; the antics of the Human Rights Com-mission prove them bogus even on paper. For any deterrent it is still better to turn to the organs of public opinion than to rely on governments. But what matters now is getting rid of Amin and restoring the rule of law to Uganda. In the past, African society had means of sometimes "de-stooling" oppressive rulers. It has to find modern equivalents to this system. A further six years of Amin, comfortably sustained in Uganda by a combination of savagery and imported sophisticated security methods, might set a grim pattern for Africa's future.

rotic theatre

rom Mr Michael Rubinstein

r, Mr David Holbrook complains April 30) of the leck of "a tre-endous debate" on the performnce of plays which some may gard as obscene but of which he behind closed doors, without aking their grounds for their cisions plain") have not, in recent ears, allowed prosecutions. It is o wonder they have not; so many resecutions for obscepity have in cent years failed when juries have een required to apply the statutory e liable to include a significant roportion of people who may or ay not enjoy "a barbarous culire "but who would not necessarily ish to suppress on grounds of obscenity or indecency what others

enjoy.
David Holbrook suggests that
The critics have banded together to my to make it seem that nothing is obscene" and have come now to believe "their own misrepresentations"-a deliberate and successful, but incredible, conspiracy on the part of wash themselves! He cannot serious in telling us that (the emphases are mine) The emphases effect on the intelligent sixth former and student has been to make it seem to them that there can be no. discrimination in the field of culture and the arts".

A lively series of discussions on censorship and the arts and censor-ship and the media has been conducted in recent weeks and is continning on Thursday evenings, at the ICA under the joint auspices of the ICA and the DLAS. These informal debates have not been held "behind closed doors". They have had the advantage of serious contributions from eminent panel members and a wide cross-section of the concerned public, ranging from those who would favour more censorship than the law, in its uncertain way, pro-vides at present to those who believe that all forms of censorship could and should be abolished. David Holbrook accuses others of main-taining "a sheepish silence". He cannot be listening.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decline and fall of 'News Chronicle'

From Mr Frank D. Barber Sir, As the one member of the News Chronicle staff who made the attempt to save the paper three years before it finally expired, may I say something about the circumstances leading up to end in 1960? It seems to me they have some relevance to our problems today.

Mr Laurence Cadbury has been persistently accused of killing off a much-respected newspaper through cynicism or incompetence, or hoth, In fact, he made a number of attempts over the years to restore the paper's fortunes; they failed for a variety of reasons but chiefly, I believe, because the efforts were not pushed through with the consistency and uncompromising deter-

mination that was necessary.

My own proposals included the suggestion that the News Chronicle should be placed under the absolute should be placed under the absolute control of one of the younger mem-bers of the Cadbury family, who would be prepared to live with the paper 24 hours a day. I also suggested that the Daily News hold-ing company should establish a small research and education team to spread an understanding amone management and the work force, of the new technology that was about to hit the industry.

It seemed to me that manage-ment had too little understanding and awareness of the anxieties generated among employees when new methods were talked about. I new methods were talked about, I foresaw a 10-year process of discussion and education before management and the work force could be expected to understand each other sufficiently well for changes to be introduced without

disruption.

Both these suggestions were finally turned down by the Cadbury family. I believe that by doing so they displayed timidity and short-sightedness. At the time I was dismared and angry. Since then how. mayed and angry. Since then, how-ever, we have seen other tycoons of Fleet Street either lose their papers or bring them to the brink, and unlike Mr Cadbury they were men who had been hailed as masters of the publish-and-bedamued school.

They have, though, escaped the

peculiar bitterness that has been directed at Mr Cadbury for 17 years. There seems to be someyears. There seems to be something here that requires explanation, and I do not believe it is provided by the absence of a con-tributory pension scheme or the size of the compensation paid to staff. After all, other newspapers at that time did not have con-tributory pension schemes; and as for the compensation, Mr Cadbury turned over the money be received for the paper's title and goodwill. I do not see what more could have been expected.

The sense of grievance that still

persists among some former mem-bers of staff seems to derive from a belief that Mr Cadbury had no right to rid himself of a property which had defied his attempts to make it viable. On the Sunday afternoon before the announcement of the merger with the Daily Mail I attended a federated house chapel meeting, at which the Imperial Father said: "But Mr Cadbury would never close down the News Chronicle." This was only the last incredulous echo of a belief that against all the evidence.
The News Chronicle had been

dying for some 20 years. It was saved by the Second World War, saved by the Second World War, which helped the lame ducks in Fleet Street; when paper rationing ended, other papers leapt ahead while the News Chronicle lost readers. Yet the irrational belief retained its hold.

retained its hold.

There was a general feeling that, come what may, Mr Cadbury would keep the paper adive because, at the very least, he owed his employees a living. When the end came, I guess he had had enough; he was in his seventies. He must be getting on for pinger, now and be getting on for ninety now, and I suggest he's entitled to a respite from the persistent bitterness.

There is a final point: the News Chronicle may be dead, but its spirit lives on. The whole dawn country seems to be infected by the belief that the world owes it a living. Yours respectfully,

PRANK D. BARBER. 36 Alfriston Road, SW1L

From Mr J. E. Green

Sir, I found it most gratifying that Mr L. J. Cadbury (letter, May 10) found the time to analyse the cir-culation figures of respective newspapers after the mergers between the News Chronicle and the Daily Mail and The Star and Evening News. I also assume that he was personally involved in calculating how to divide the £24m between the 3,000 staff of the Daily News

Limited.

I think the amount of compensation paid to individuals for many years of loyal service was a mere pittance. I also think he gives a generally misleading impression when he states that the payment of compensation went through

successfully.
I personally waited more than two years for mine, and when it arrived it was a cheque for E32 as a reward for 10 years (including two years national service) loyal service as a clerical assistant. I also know of two former colleagues who had 15 years and 17 years service, and who received under £70 each.

I can confirm also that there was a great deal of anger and resentment from many of the ex-employees of the Daily News Limited for the way in which they were treated. It is also true that we did not fully understand the economics of Fleet Street and I must assume neither did a management of the Daily News. Yours faithfully,

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Press partiality

From Mr lan Harvey Sir, After reading your report on Sir Harold Wilson's statements about the press I commend to you and your colleagues as a riposte the ouip to the Republicans by that witry American politician, the late Adlai Stevenson, "If you will stop telling lies about us we will stop telling the truth about you".

IAN HARVEY, 28A Star Street, W2.

Yours faithfully,

Labour and the banks From Mr George Mellatters

Sie, Mr Norman Atkanson's letter than 10, concerning the Labour Party and bank notomalization raises many interesting points especially the inadequate political thought that me Conservative Party has given to industrial policy. Some of the reasons stated by Mr Atkinson for book nationalization would disappear if the Conservative Party would take a more realistic view of some of the problems that some industries now face.

I maintain that a body like the National Enterprise Board ought to be in continuing existence to tinence emergency situations in well-established industries and hosnesses. Undoubtedly a political mistake was mode in allowing Rolls-Roves to go into the hands of the receivers. There are many sectors of industry today that are vital to the wellheing of the country that cannot obtain funds from accepted financial sources and Mr Atkinson, in his letter adequately spells them

our.
The Conservative Party, come what may, when elected are going to have to live with government intervention in industry if they wish to keep certain sectors alive and thriving. It is indeed sad that some Conservative Members of Par-liament say that industries like shipbuilding, acruspace, motor manufac-ture, tenning and footwear manu-facture, etc. etc. should disappear because they cannot perform according to traditional standards of

profitability.
These members should realize that industry performs under con-ditions which the government creates and if we find that ducks become lame it is well to remember that the fin tacks upon which they have trod have been provided by the government.

I believe that the bank nationaliza-tion plank in the Labour Party

platform could disappear immediately if the Con-greative Party had hard re-think on how, in the future, certain industries (who have difficulty in obtaining their funds from normal City channels) should be (inanced.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE MCWATTERS. 17 Chester Terrace, Regent's Park, NW1.

From Mr H. G. Put

Sir, Mr Atkinson, the Treasurer of the Labour Party, wanders " if the benks put political leaflers on their bank counters, why not Labour leof-lets in post offices, or bus conducturs giving out leaflets to their passengers?" The enswer is simple: the banks are private componies entitled to spend their manies as they will. If their shareholders don't like their policies they can make a fuss or move their essets to the Pett Office Savings Bank. The Post Office is a public utility in whose ownership I have just as large a stake as does Mr Atkinson. I see no reason why it should represent his political views rather than mine simply because his party is temporarily in charge of toterment. (As to bus conductors, if Mr Atkinson could bring himself to step out of London and twentieth century he would find that we don't have conductors on our buses now.)

If Mr Atkinson is confident that we need a state bank could he not nersuade his colleagues to flost one in competition with the private banks? It would be interesting to see how much capital is attracted. Yours faithfully, H. G. PITT.

Worcester College, Oxford.

May 10.

Washington Ambassador From Sir John Wraight

Sir. In all the correspondence I have seen so far about Peter Jay's appointment to Washington, little has been said-except for the shametul and unwarranted asper-sions on Sir Peter Ramsbotham's mission—about the Diplomatic Service itself.

As I am sure you will agree. Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service is one of the best, if not the best, in the world. It is efficient, versatile and devoted. It has produced some brilliant and outstanding ambassa-dors—often with widely differing styles of operation—among them the three noble lords whose letters you published last Saturday. The Service is used, from time to time. to accepting political appointees as heads of mission in certain sensi-tive top posts, where the Foreign Secretary considers that the needs of the moment require someone who has special connexions with the party in power or whose temperament is more in keeping with his own, or who has some other attributes not thought to be held by any career members who are then available. While the Service may privately disagree, it loyally accepts these appointments (despite the effect on its morale) and—if proven ability and are seen to have achieved an eminent position in their own sphere in public life does so generally without question. lo many cases these non-career heads of mission perform the functions for which they were par-ticularly chosen, with success and distinction, sometimes exceedingly well. But do not let us kid ourselves that they all act as complete ambassadors in every sense of the

Almost any intelligent person of any standing can "be" an ambas-sador, just as almost any counsellor in the Diplomatic Service can ' the Editor of The Times. In both cases there will normally be a good supporting staff to help carry the incumbent. But today, to do the job fully in all its aspects one needs a good many additional qualities, ralents and abilities, many of which are normally acquired only with long diplomatic training and experience (wives too) in a variety of posts in many parts of the world, gained often in difficult conditions,

sometimes in dangerous ones. Leaving aside language and other specialist skills, let me give just one general example—the perceptiveness and "feel" in intricate negotiations which come in large part at least from dealing with a wide range of different regimes, different nationalities, different men-talities, with a diversity of subjects, and in many differing circum stances.

As most people know, among his other rasks an ambassador must project Britain and promote and defend British interests. He must combat, and try to balance, the flow of depressing news about his country published in much of his own media; argue effectively that Britain is by no means "finished"; persuade his host country that Britain is a worthwhile partner to do business with and to invest in. He must advance lovally, and explain convincingly, British policies, even those with which he privately may not agree. In all this a career diplomat, anart from the practice and experience he has gained over the years will, sometimes have an advantage over a non-career one in that he will not be hampered by any published writings of his own which have argued sincerely against some of the very policies he has now officially to promote

This is not to say that a noncareer appointment may not prove to be best in a particular post at certain times. But do nor let us underestimate the wide range of first class talent and experience that we have available in our own excellent Dinlomatic Service. Yours faithfully JOHN WRAIGHT, 25 Jameson Street, W8.

From Mr Alex Faulkner

Sir, Explaining how the slurs on Sir Peter Ramsborbam got into circulation, Mr Louis Heren implies (May 14) that this sort of thing could not happen in the United States, "accustomed to open and recorded press briefing". He expresses the hope that when Mr Jay does go to Washington he will

"report to Downing Street how a free country runs its press brief-

ings' As a former British correspondent in that country, I found this ciew of the various ways in which information is conveyed to the media there quite puzzling. Mr Heren, a veteran Washington correspondent himself, certainly knows as much as anyone about this, so I cannot believe that he meant to suggest that the sole channel of communication between government and reporters is the open, recorded press

American officials, as we all know. are masters of the calculated leak, briefings "on the record", "off the record", and for deep background only", to say nothing of such theatrical ploys as the clandestine meetings in an underground garage between Deep Throat and Eob Woodward, co-author of All the

President's Men.
Is the Lobby system so very different from all this? We too have open press conferences and all the other gradations, and the nonattributable nature of information given to Lobby correspondents does not differ in any way from what the Americans classify as "non-attributable". Mr Heren himself must have been the recipient of countless confidences, both in England and in the United States, in which for various reasons he could not credit to their source, but which

Sir Harry Boyne, a former officer of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, has described this organization as "a well-nigh indispensable facility" for both journalists and politicians, and less formalized ways of communicating exist not only outside Parliament itself, but in industry and in many other fields.

I must confess that I do not see anything "Kafkaesque" or sinister about it, but perhaps Mr Heren really did not mean that, and was simply and very properly directing his wrath against a palpable misuse of the system. I just hope his ex-colleague will not take his advice when he arrives in the world's leakiest capital. Yours faithfully,

ALEX FAULKNER, 44 Palace Gardens Terrace, W8. May 14.

From Mr Ronald Howell Sir, You have convinced me. Mr Jay should stay behind and run the country and Mr Callaghan should go to Washington. Yours truly. RONALD HOWELL, 35 Rollscourt Avenue, SE24. May 16.

From Mrs M. A. Robertson Sir, We have beard much praise of both the Peters in question. Would it not be to their interest to let the matter peter out now? Yours sincerely, MARGARET ROBERTSON, 37 Madingley Road, Cambridge. May 16.

Canterbury and Rome

From Canon John Drury Sir, Sister Catherine Appleby (May 11) has overdrawn her con-

trast between the unanimity of the Roman Catholic Church (and the Free Churches) on "fundamental issues", and the "broad spectrum of belief" in the Church of England. As an Anglican I know she is right about us and do not regret it. But I cannot believeimpertinent though it may seemthat she is right about her own church. The Roman Catholics known to me have various, and sometimes conflicting, views on such fundamental matters as the nature of authority in the church and the ethics of sex and contraception. Nor can it have escaped anyone living in Norfolk that there are differences over the Eucharist. Moreover, in Karl Rahner the Roman Church has a theologian of great distinction who repeatedly defends pluralism within that church: and I don't believe that he is talking about nothing of fundamental consequence. Yours faithfully, JOHN DRURY, 26 The Close, Norwich,

Highest rates of income tax

From Mr John W. Pardoe, MP jor North Cornwall (Liberal)

Sir. The argument for reducing top rates of income tax is now fairly generally accepted. The general reduction in these rates will have to await an overall reform of the tax system and the introduction of a

nealth rax A small start, however, could have been made this year by providing in the Finance Bill that no one should pay more than 50 per cent

of his earned income in tax. In the House of Commons on Tuesday May 10 I moved a Liberal amendment to this effect. For same extraordinary reason the official Conservative Opposition refused to support me. Why?

Yours faithfully JOHN W. PARDOE, House of Commons. May 11.

Mr Benn's background

From Mr Norman Lamont, MP for Kingston upon Thames (Conserva-

kingston upon Thames (Conservative)

Sir, Like, I am sure, most of your
readers. I found Mr Anthony
Wedgwood-Beon's account of his
farner's life (May 7) and beliefs
most interesting.

There were, however, a number
of puzzling points. In discussing
his father's elevation to the
pecrage, Mr Benn stated that:

It had to be a hereditary
pecrage, since life pecrases did not
then exist." But a hereditary pecage need not have entailed more
than a mere Earony. His father
was created a Viscount. Then,
although we are told that his grandfather, John Benn, went to school
in his mother's boots, there is no
mention of his public services being
rewarded with a Baronetcy in 1914.
No doubt Mr Benn is deploying
the same filial modesty which led
him to renounce his title and seek
a humbler station.

a humbler station.

But these are minor points. It is certainly to be hoped that Mr Wedgwood-Benn will produce further articles on the politics of his Commoner forefathers, starting perhaps with his uncle. Ernest Benn, the distinguished husinessman and the distinguished businessman and

industrialist.
Sir Ernest Benn's works, such as The Confessions of a Capitalist, or The State the Enemy will surely commend themselves to his nephew, who might find the following quotation from Conjessions particularly

apropos.

"I am an unrepentant believer in private enterprise. I have failed to discover, in a long and diligent search, any material benefit which has ever reached mankind except through the agency of individual enterprise. I therefore regard the whole movement for creating wealth political agencies as a snare and a delusion. For these reasons I see no essential difference between the Bolsnevik of Russia and the numerous types of modernia Socialist . . . I am reminded of two murderers who filled a good many newspaper columns a year or so ago. . . Both directed their atten-tions to the same victim. The method of the one was to administer small doses of ground glass. The other adopted the more straight-forward and direct method of the dagger. The moderate Socialist is the groundglass practitioner; the Communist uses the dagger. But in so far as they are both bent upon the abolition of private enterprise, they are both murdering the chances of the human race to reach a higher standard of material comfort." (Conjessions, 1948 ed. p 19.)
A biography of Sir Ernest Benn's beliefs would certainly be a tract for our times.

Yours faithfully NORMAN LAMONT. House of Commons, May 11.

Cost of social services From Mr J. K. Owens

Sir, I would agree with many of the points made by Terry Bamford in his article "Getting value for money out of the Social Services" (May 10). In recent years public expectations of social services and the demands made by new legislation have greatly increased. The current contraints on expenditure, and particularly on new developand particularly on new develop-ment, mean that local authorities and voluntary bodies have to make extremely difficult judgments on

the allocation of resources.

Mr Bamford notes, and in my view quite correctly, that many of the tasks discharged by social workers could be performed equally well by ancillaries or voluntary. teers. However, it would be quite wrong for local authorities to think about this important reallocation of tasks without consideration of its economic implication.
Whilst the deployment of volun-

teers has many advantages for clients and volunteers alike, the careful selection, training and back-up require both resources and staff time. The use of volunteers can be cost effective and allow a good deal of preventive work to take place, but requires funds to be committed over a period of time for effective development. Yours faithfully,

K. OWENS, Director, National Council of Social 26 Bedford Square, WC1. May 10.

Mill workers' clogs

From Mr J. O. Timson Sir, the leading paragraph of Patricia Tisdall's article "Industrial Cleaning" (May 11) states that the old fashioned Mrs Mopp "is as out of date as clogs in a Lancashire mill".

How out of touch can a reporter be? In my mill in Lancaster many operatives still wear clogs as the most sensible form of footwear; and not clogs with socks but clogs with foot swaddling cloths to boot! This is by no means peculiar to my mill; clogs are still widely worn throughout Lancashire. Yours faithfully, JOHN TIMSON,

Laksefoss, Meai Bank, Westmorland. May 12.

Forthcoming 1 4 1

Mr D. J. Richardson, junt and bliss A. H. Neal

Luncheons

HM Government

The engagement is announced

between Donald, only son of the late Mr D. J. Richardson and of Mrs J. Gallio, Junr. of Santa Paula, California, and Angela Heather Neal, of 2364 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs C. A. Neal, of Ashread, Surrey. The marriage will take place on July 9 in Santa Paula.

Lord Cornnwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and Com-monwealth Office, was host at a function in honour of the Aus-

tralian High Commissioner and Mrs Freeth at 1 Carlton Gardens,

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dinners

Junior Carlton Club Members of the po

Mr Patrick Wall, MP, treasurer of the British group, Inter-Parliamen-tary Union, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee at the House of Commons yester-day in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Costa Rica led by Dr Carlos Vincente Castro.

Junior Carrion Club Members of the political council of the Junior Cariton Club entertained Mr John Biffen, MP, at dinner last night. Mr Cyril Norton, chairman of the political council, presided

omted and Cecil Club held a dinner at the House of Commons last night. The guest of honour was the High Commissioner for Canada, and Mr Dodley Smith. MP, presided.

University news

Oxford

marriages .

J.B. Priestley

Instead of the Trees A Final Chapter of Autobiography

R.K. Narayan

The Painter of Signs

Paul Scott

Staying on

Richard Cordon

The Invisible Victory

Patricia Highsmith

Edith's Diary

Wilbur Smith

A Sparrow Falls





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow Central Station in the Royal Train Central Station in the Koyai Irani this morning for the Silver Jubilec Visit to Scotland and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr David Hodge, the Right Hon the Lord Provest).

A Royal Salute was fired by 207 Light Air Defence Battery. Royal Artillery (Volunteers), under the command of Captain Rodger Jamieson, from Custom House Quay.

House Quay.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left the Railway Station for Glasgow Cathedral in a Carriage Procession escorted by the Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Major Seymour Gilhart-Denham, The Life Guards.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in Glasgow Cathedral conducted by the Minister (the Reverend Dr William Morris) with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (the Right Revered) Dr Thomas Torrance).

Captain Alexander and the Hon Mrs Ramsay of Mar were present. A' Detachment of The Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers), with the Colours of the Company, was on

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, with the State Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Michael Nutton, was mounted in Cathedral Square.

After the Thanksgiving Service. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness left in a Carriage Procession for George Square and then marked to the City Chambers, where The Queen, with The Duke of Edinhurgh, honoured Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glaszow (Mr David Hodge, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) with her presence at luncheon with her presence at luncheou

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Bartalian, The Royal Highland Fusible's (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), with The Queen's Calour and the Band. Pipes and Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Marier Patrick Channer, was meunted in the Square.

This afternoon, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were present at a Charity Football Match between the Glesgow Football Association Select and the Football League at Hampden Park. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then visited the Peti

Ediaburch then visited the Exhibition " 25 Glorious Years " at the Muscums and Art Galleries, Kelvin-Her Majedy, with His Royal Highness, 1'ds evening honoured with her presence a Royal Variety Performance at King's Theatre in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and later rejoined the Royal Train.

The Richt Hon Bruce Millan. MP (Secretary of State for Scot-land), the Countess of Airlic, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris, Sir Philip

Moore, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mrs Michael Wall and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this morning, in the Isles of Scilly, opened the St Mary's Primary School, visited St Mary's Hospital and was entertained at luncheon by the Council of the Isles of Scilly in Confermation.

The cugagement is announced between Simon Philip, younger son of Major Sir Antony Bonham, Bt., and Lady Bonham, of Ash Bt, and Lady Bonham, of Ash House, Ampney Crucis, Ciren-cester, Gloucestershire, and Efiza-berh Ann, younger daughter of Mr Robert Ducas, of Suratoga Springs, New York, and Mrs Jean Ducas, of Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York, The marriage will take place in the United States. Godo'nhia Hotel. in Gode whin Hotel.

This afternoan, His Royal Highness visited the St Mary's Lifeboar Station, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Fught to Appledore, and at Newquay Shipyard named and launched the Scillonia III,

The Prince of Wales this evening visited Exament's Comprehensive School and presented awards to the schools involved in the interscheels Silver Jubilee Sports Mr T. P. H. Dixon and Miss B. J. Pritchard The engagement is announced between Pieter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Dixon, of Hertford,

Meeting.

His Royal Highness later, at Kelly College. Taylstock, unveiled a commemorative stone to the Centenary of the College and then joined the Royal Train. Hertfordshire, and Barbira, only daughter of Mrs J. Pritchard and the late Mr W. Pritchard, of hir I. D. Maclachian and Miss J. E. Andrew

The Hen Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. and Miss J. E. Andrew
The engagement is announced between lan, second son of Group Captain and Mrs J. R. Maclachilan, of The Old Rectory, Tidmarsh. Pangbourne. Berkshire, and Jacqueline, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs F. A. Andrew, of Goringon-Thames, Oxfordshire. KENSINGTON PALACE

May 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, on behalf of The Princess Acae, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, was present at The Night of a Million Jewels, a Jewelry Fashion Show in aid of the Fund at the Madsion House. Her Royal Highness was re-

ceived upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 17: The Duchess of Kent
this morning opened the Huddersfield Polytechnic and later
watched a display by young people
at the Huddersfield Sports Centre.
Her Royal Highness subsequently
attended a Gala Evening at Batley
Variety Club in support of The
Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.
Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Miss Jane Pugh.

Princess Margaret will take the salute at Boaring Retreat by the bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund on May 31.

Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-cester will attend the Aldershot Horse Show on May 27. The Duchess of Kent, as Honorary Colonel, will present colours to the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. The

Yorkshire Volunteers, in York on

Princess Alexandra will visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, for a children's day, arranged for local junior schools in celebration of the Queen's silver jubilee, on May 27.

at Alexandra Park for the jubilee firework display on June 9. A memorial service for Sir Peter Kirk, MP, will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon

Lady Warmington wishes to be known in future as Sheila Lady Douglas-Pennam, her former

Birthdays today

Mr Rodney Ackland. 69: Dame Margut Fonteyn de Arias, 58: Sir Norman Costar. 68: Sir Chtford Curzon, 70: Lord Hartwell. 66: Mr Norman Hepple. 69: Sir Herbert Marchant, 71: Major-General Lewis Pugh, 70: the Earl of Rosslyn. 60: Mr Norman Se

Rirmingham

Latest wills

Residue for charities

Other estates include (net before duty paid : duty not disclosed) : Critchler, Mr Eric, of Sale, moror

Glover, Mrs Margaret Sarah, of Crowhorough, Sussex . £125,804
Goodall, Mr Sidney Reginald, of Brailsford, Derbyshire, intestate
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Langtree, Mr John William of Woking . . . £105,792 Liewellyn, Mr Charles Thomas, of

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Eastbourne, company director

The following have been appointed The following nave been appointed to readerships:

T. S. M. Macienin, BSc. (Glass, PhD Eddin; electromagnatism: E: T. Stringer, BSc. PhD (Burn), climatology: J. W. Carter, PhD. DSc (Burn), BSc. (Land), chemical onginering; J. P. Simons, BA, PhD, ScD (Cantaly, photochemistry; M. P. Osbarne, PhD, CSC (Birm), neurobiology: H. J. Wilson, QSc. MSc Tech, PhD (Manc),

Bishops discuss

discrimination

in E Germany

Goerlitz, May 17.-Leaders of

churches finished a five-day

synod here today after hearing

complaints of discrimination against Christians in education and jobs despite official guarantees of religious freedom.

"If they can be pointed to with names and house numbers,

cases of outright discrimination

have been checked and gener-ally dealt with ", the Right Rev

Albrecht Shoenherr said in presenting a report on the subject.

Since a Protestant pastor burned himself to death in

Zeitz last year in protest at discrimination against young Christians and the emphasis on communist ideology in education, the church has been more outspoken about its problems.

The Bishoo confirmed that last week church leaders had

beld the discussions they had long sought with the Govern-ment and these had resolved some of the church problems.

Mr John Freeman has resigned as chalman of the governors of the British Film Institute because of pressure of commitments. He was appointed last October.

Mr Freeman resigns

Lowe. Mr Leslie Hawkins, of Trysull, Wolverhampton 5139,488 Newson, Mr William Hill, of Chelsea, solicitor 5174,712 Peart, Mr Frederick Heaton, of Hythe, Kent, intestate ... 5153,361 Seldon, Mrs Doris Ellen, of Clacton-on-Sea ... £108,428 Thomas, Mr John Millward, of Shrewsbury ... £116,875 dental malerials: N. Crawford, BSc. PhD (Birm), biochemistry.

Drury: monitoring adverse reactions to drugs occupring in general practice. 572-400 from E. R. Snubb & Sons in Vir J. A. Jardan brossible cervical and vaginal abnormalities after expo-sure to silbeature in utero. 521-650 from Natural Environment Research Council to Professor D. Griffiths: Scota Arc project. 636.100 from World Health Organiza-tion to Or J. R. Marsion: ectoric ocum development and consequences of accelerated tubal transport to the thesis monkey.

Rescuing the RNLI: Mr Keith Bower, of Torbay, the first gold medallist for 10 years, was chaired by crew mates, who won bronze medals, at the Royal National Life-boat Institution's presentation of awards at the Festival Hall, London, yesterday. As acting coxswain Mr Bower lead the rescue of 10 of the crew of a motor vessel in a storm last December. More than 20 other medals for gallantry were presented by Major-General Ralph Farrant, chairman of the RNLI, who announced that oil and shipping firms were income to increase our revenue." Talks with firms using coastal waters were already producing results and large contributions had been promised. Fish farming 'unlikely to produce cheap trout' Air Harold Stanley Nicholis, of Easthourne, left f134,237 net. After various bequests, he left the residue equally among the British Heart Foundation, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and National Society for Cancer Rellef. had sold because they had been made cheap, the ministry said. Fish farming would depend for survival on high prices. "Trout has never been a cheap fish", the ministry scientists said yesterday. "The price at which it sells has rises considerably in two years. Profitability should remain high."

By Our Agricultural

Rescuing the RNLI: Mr Keith Bower, of

Correspondent Fish farmers' hopes of replacing dwindling supplies of cod with troot were dashed by government scientists yesterday. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said: "The product is likely to to the popular species of fish and all but the more expensive cuts

of meat." It was the second official report in little more than a year to say that high costs of fish would discourage high sales. The first report resulted from a study of fish distribution by the Price Commission in April last year.

mission in April last year.

The ministry predicted that in 10 years production of farmed trout would rise six-fold from the present annual total of 2,500 tonnes. It rejected the contention of fish farmers that their industry might expand on the scale of the broiler chicken trade. Chickens

The report predicted a limited growth of farming of popular wild species such as cod. They have found that the cost of producing plaice is three times its market value. market value.

Farmed turbot was to be sold soon, but that was a highly priced species with a limited market.

"The commercial future for the farming of marine species relies on the small-scale production of speciality fish, probably turbot, which fetch a high price on the market." the scientists said.

"The facts conflict with notions that farmed fish might become an important supplement to, or in some way substitute for, wild fish caught in the sea."

being asked for cash to keep the lifeboat

service ation.

He said that only three boats were ordered last year compared with 11 launched. "In the long run such a number of new boats in a year would be insufficient to maintain a fully

effective service.

"We are therefore looking to new sources of

Church news

designed New Archdeacon of Coventry

The Ven Peter Bridges, Archdeacon of Southend and director of the Chelmsford Diocesan Development and Research unit, has been appointed Archdeacon of Coventry, where he succeeds the Ven Eric Buchan, who retires ou June 30 and becomes archdeacon empering Retirements

The Rev G. I. F. Thomson, (u):-time ciefical director of the Bible Reading Fellowship, on September 2 Canon E. Alten. Vicar of Langeliffe with Stainforth, diocese of Brackort. Diocese of Worcester: Ino Rev S. T. Purceil. Vicar of Bush's: Canon N. Panter. Vicar of Bush's: Canon N. Panter. Vicar of Christ Church. Milven: the New Y. Bi Brawman. Rector of Roberton with Bishampion. Canon Canon Canon. Canon Rector of St. Nicholasis. Worcester: the Rev A. G. R. -Whiteley. Canon Desm. Vicar and Rural Canon. Worcester: the Rev A. G. R. -Whiteley. Canon J. S. Billites. Vicarof Stoulton with Drakes Broughton and Pitton.

Chagall window for Chichester

By a Staff Reporter.
Marc Chagall has designed a stained glass window for Chichester Cathedral, which will be installed early neat year.
M Chagall accepted an invitation from the dean, the Very Rev Walter Hussey, to design the window after visiting Chichester several years ago. It consists of small scenes representing different art forms, surrounding the biblical figure of David. The theme of the design is the arts on the elocated

forms, surrounding the biblical figure of David. The theme of the design is the arts to the glory of God—Prolm 150.

The dean said it had long been an ambition to persuade M Chagall to design the window. "The arts are one of the most effective and volumble handmaids of the church, and never more so than today."

The dean is retiring this summer after 12 years at Chichester, and is close to achieving two more artistic ambitions by commissioning works for the cathedral from Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland.

The cost of the Chagali window, as yet unspecified, will be met through an independent appeal.

Bravery award for boy of 8

Nigel Brace, aged eight, was awarded two special stamp albums at Post Office head-quarters in London for his part in capturing a man with a knife after an attempted robberty at a sub-postoffice in Northampton.

He was held at knifepoint but wriggled free, enabling his father, Mr Brian Brace, and others to tackle the man. Mr Brace and five others were awarded more than £500 among them.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

Mr J. F. Munmery to be Treasury jumor counsel in charity matters and Mr C. Aldous to be one of the panel of counsel for the Department of Trade in Chancery matters; both in succession to Mr Andrew Morritt, QC.

SUCCESSION to the Commandant, National Defence College, Latimer, in the rank of major, general, in July, in succession to Vice Admiral D. A.

Ascension Day services

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OBITUARY MISS MARIAN **GAMWELL**

Nursing service in two wars

Miss Marian Cammell, ORD who was Corps Units Commander of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanny (FANY) from 1965 to 1946, died on May 13 Antonia Marian Gamwell and Antonia Marian Gamwell and Educated Roedean. She first served in the original organized by Pr Electric Cammell and Cammell in the Cammell of Cammell in the Ca Roedean. She first served in hospital organized by he Electropical organized by he Electropical department on driving and general dunary. She joined the FANY Corps in April, 1915, and served in the Lamarck Hospital for Selving until January. 1916, when the first unit to drive for the Eritish Army. She was invalided being She was invalided being. She was mentioned in dispatcher. was mentioned in disparcher Between the wars, the furned in Northern Rhodesia with her-sister. In 1940 she came but sister. 10 1340 sue came nace to the United Kingdom (after burning their crops by order) to take command of the Coros Units (non-ATS) FANYS. Sign cours (non-ATS) FANYs. Sin-held this appointment, in-charge of the recruiting and administration of all the min-serving with SOE, the Police Army and many other organi-zations which employed nearly 3,000 members in 34 different countries. She was made at OBE in 1946.

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She was in Northern Rhadesia nuril 1963, and went will keep in Jersey in 1965.

LT-COL R. F. WALTER

WALLEM
Lieutenam-Colonel R. E.
Walter, who died on May 16 at the age of 68, was Commandant of the Corps of Commissionaires from 1960 until his retirement in 1975. He was the fifth successive member of the Walterfamily to have held the appointment since it was founded by ment since it was founded by Captain Sir Edward Walter in

Educated at Bromsgrove and RMA Woolwich he was commissioned into the Royal Arti-lery in 1930; his appointments included ADC to Sir William Peel, Governor of Hongkong from 1932 to 1935. He saw serwire overseas in the Second-World War. His great great great grandfather, John Walter, was founder of The Times. He married, in 1938, Heather,

daughter of Surgeon-Captain William Incres Gerrard, CBE, RN, and has a surviving daughter and son.

ANDREAS **CARIOLOU** Major General H. D. G. Butler

Those who knew Andress, and almost a generation of Reitish in Cyprus did know him will be saddened by his unimely death in a diving accident of

In an age which seems in-creasingly short of personalities. it would be no exaggeration to say that Andreas filled every he walked in some distinguished company. Dons, tycoons, serhave been captivated by his friendliness, his charm and his archaeology and marine life in general. Self-taught diver, be started on sponges and graduated in some exciting mariae discoveries for which he has never received proper recognitions.

It was, however, more the man than what he did. He will be a wonderful person to remember. In his prange grove mending the ancient pump for the hundredth time, singing Greek songs after lunch in his boat diving knocking back the KEO brandy and dispensing history and wisdom all in equal measures. Friends of Andreas will be

thinking of his wife Tassoula who has already suffered the loss of her home in Kyrenia, and it is there that we shall think of them together.

GENERAL YANG SEN

General Yang Sen, one of the last of the old Chinese ward lords, died in Taipei on May 15. He was 96. Born in Szechwan, he served in the Manchu Army and be-came Military Governor of Szechwan, Governor of Kwei-

chow, mayor of Chungking and

policy adviser to President Chiang Kai Shek Chiang Kai Shek.
In 1926 he opposed what he called British gunboat diplomacy the Wanhsien incident and in 1934 he chased a routed. Communist army to Shensi and almost captured Marshal Chu Teh. General Yang had 43 children—22 daughters and 21 boys.

MR BATESON MASON Colin Hayes writes:

The painter Bateson Mason, who died on May 14 at the assort of 67, was known with affection throughout the London are

world.

Early in his career he established himself as a fine painter and draughtsman; but he will be remembered not only for his work. He raught widely, notably at St Martin's School of Art and from 1967 until last year as Senior Tutor at the Royal College of Art and generations of students who met him as a fine teacher come to know him as a tue teacher come to know him as a friend. Unquenchably his spirited, he was the most entertaining of companions, the lovalest of collegues and for all his wide accordance on the lovalest of collegues and for all his wide accordance on the lovalest of collegues and for all his wide accordance on the lovalest of collegues and for all his wide accordance on the lovalest of collegues and for all his wide accordance on the lovalest of the lovalest o all his wide reputation, quits without self irrigortance. Very many people will feel his death. as a deep personal loss.

Lady Brooke, FFARCS, wife of Sir John Weston Brooks, Bl. died on May 16. She was Phoebe Napier, daughter of G. A. Harvey and widow of Sir Ferer Macdonald, KBE, FRS, and she married Sir John Brooke at his second wife in 1966.

Mentmore sale begins today

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The sale of the century, the in-lay auction of the contents of denunore. Towers, Buckinghammer, begins at 11 am today. The maly-striped marquees are in place, 30,000 people have viewed the treasures, and everyone is busy with final calculations of how high they dare bid.

As far as the nation is concerned there remains one final decision: there is uncertainty whither the National Gallery has brought the superb portrait of Midame de Pomadour by Drouais. She is painted in the last year of e sale of the century,

She is painted in the last year of her life in an exquisitely embroi-dered dress, surrounded by works

her life in an exquisitely emoroidered dress, surrounded by works of art.

A day or two back, art market experts were convinced that the deal had gone through at a market valuation of £600,000, but resterday Mr Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, denied k. "We remain eager but we simply do not know", he said. The portrait is catalogued for auction next Wednesday.

That is perhaps typical of the whole Mentmore saga. The sixth Lord Rosehery died in 1974 and about a year later the house and its contents were offered to the nation in lieu of estate dury. The house was built in the 1850s by Paxton, who designed the Crystal Palace, for Baron Meyer de Rothschild to house his incomparable art collection.

The nation delayed, and against the final deadline set by the present peer last January decided that it would not aquire the house at the borgain valuation of £2,2m.

The auction of the contents was then announced and in view of the howl of public protest Lord Rosebery gave the nation a second chance to purchase. A second deadline was set on April 5 for the decision; although that had to be extended by a further 24 hours, the answer remained "no".

That left open the question whether the flation would wish to acquire, again in lieu of estree duties, some of the choicest treasures. Eight lots in Sotheby's canlogue are marked with an asterisk indicating that they might he sold to the nation before the auction.

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he sold to the nation before the auction.

It was May 6 before the final decision that the nation should have four out of the eight was reached. By dint of revising the valuation on "Madame de Pompadour" a fifth still hangs in the balance.

Hougkong jewel buyers proved

less predictable than the porcelain

enthusiasts when Sotheby's offered important jewels for sale there

yesterday; they had been offering

Chinese porcelain the day before.

The star item, a necklace of emeraids and diamonds with a large carved emerald pendant, was

large carved emeralo pendant, was unsold at HKS1.1m (estimate HKS1.2m to 1.5m), or \$138,000. The top price in the sale was HK\$280,000 (estimate 360,000 to 470,000) or \$47.500 for a necklace composed of 381 ruby heads. About 70 lets found buyers out of 133 offered, bringing a total of \$1.4m.

Christie's endeavours to sell terels, clocks and silver in Rome



when the fifth Lord Rosebery. Prime Minister from 1894 to 1895, and his wife Hannah, the only daughtee of Baron Meyer de Roths-child, entertained their guests.

With so much foreign activity, things were quiet in London. Southeby's held a sale of strue and armour totalling £69.928 with 13 per cent unsold. The higher prices were for modern gans with a 12-bers disease, a feature supporting run.

were for modern guns with a 12-bore sidelock ejector sporting gun by E. J. Churchill at £2.100. At Socheby's Belgravia, Vic-orno paintings and drawings made £22.063, with 10 per cent unsold, A pair of small still lifes of fruit by Gliver Clare made £650 (esti-mate £400 to £800). At Christic's a sale of antiquities

soles over the years; moreover the present earl has removed many of his favourite hems to Dalmeny Castle, in Scotland, which he plans to open to the public.

reached. By difft of revising the valuation on "Madame de Pome The fifth earl added to the padour" a fifth still bangs in the balance.

Mentmore's finest hour was around the turn of the century the bouse. There have been many original Mentmore treasures.

Several pieces from Dalaueny have been throught down to Mentmore for sale. Thus the 10-day auction does not include all the

2.460 for an eightenth-car orresponding to the standard chestent dresser (estimate 52,000). A sale of arms and armour totalied £21,350, with 5 per cent unsold, and Dale paid £1,300° for an officer's silvermounted helmet of the 7th Madras light Cambra of 1917 (estimate).

Light Cavalry, of 1817 (estimate \$1,000).

A hook sale totalled for 112, with 1 per cent unsold. Foyles poly \$1.100 for a 12 for 1 of La Fontaine's Fables (estimate \$100). In a collectors' sole of Phillips Marylehone, a Symphonion collectory of the midely of the poly of the po

ion coin-operated disc mislchox went to Brody for 5950. The sale

Student outlet Under new rules aproved by Congregation of Oxford University restorday, the students' union and Graduate Representatives Conference will be able to circulate three

Hongkong jewelry buyers in unpredictable mood

on Monday proved equally hazardous. The sale had been postponed from the previous Thursday become of riots and non-steaded fields. An Artic black-ligare amphora of about 500 BC made 51,300 (estimate 51,000 to 51,250). The sale of riots and non-steaded fields for the field fields field fields. At Bonhams, a large service of ratical pattern table silver by 648,415 furniture: Phillips's sale conducted for a distance of furniture totalled 548,415, with secured for a distance need for a management of furniture totalled 548,415, with secured for a distance need for an eighteenth-carrier, totalled fields. The field fields fields for an eighteenth-carrier, totalled fields fields for an eighteenth-carrier, totalled fields fields for an eighteenth-carrier, totalled fields At Bonnoms, a large service of rat-fall pattern trable silver by Coldsmith and Silver-mith, half-marked London, 1933, fetched 5900. The sale of silver and plate totalled £10,245. Cape triangular stamps: A used 1861 Cape of Good Hope triangular "woodblock" 1d, an error in the colour of the 4d blue, made £2,900 and a used 4d error in the colour of the 1d rad made £3,600 at Harmer's sale of British Commonwelth stamps in Bond Stamp Correspondent writes).

spondent writes).
An unused pair of the 1863 1d deep carmine with the Crown CC watermark, a trial printing, more than doubled the estimate of 54,000 to 55,000 by selling ar 510,200. The sale realized 590,010.

Chelsea Flower Show medals and certificates

The following awards have been drons, agaleas and shrups. South African Department of Information, indigenous and other tlowers and followers and other through the Society in connexion with the Chelses show:

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Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Happy and Glorious, Royal portraiture in photo-graphy, National Portrait Gal-lery: Paintings from HM Prisons, Chapter House, Covency, Cathedral; Jubilation. American sculpture and paint-ing during reign of Elizabeth II., Fitzwilliam Museum, Cam-

Lunchtime music: Come and Sing, contemporary hymns, West-minster Abbey, 12.30; Mary Plumb; clarinet, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05; Andrew News-berry, organ, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15.

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The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in Scotland; Govan walkway, 10.15, Burroughs Machines, 11.40, Co-operative Wholesale Society distribution centre, Cumbernauld, 12.15, walkabout in Greenfaulds, 2.55, Stirling youth pageant, 4, dinner. Stirling Castle, 9.

The Prince of Wales visits Cumbria, errives Penrita, 9.30.
The Duchess of Kent, patron. opens School of Nursing, St. George's Bospital. Tooting, 10.45.
Exhibitions: Happy and Glorious.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, May 17, 1952 Autobahn control

From Our Own Correspondent From Our Gwn Correspondent
Berlin, May 16.—The Russians
have now brought into the open
their pretext for interfering with
allied military patrols on the
autobalm between Berlin and
West Germany, and bave raised
the issue of the right to use the
road and control it. No one knows
worther the apparts of the naroad and control it. No one knows watcher the events of the past week are a ordinde to a major move aimed at undermining security in west Berlin, but the Russians still seem to be preparing footholds in preparation for a tussle. It was realized and publicly stated at the time of the blockade that there was nothing on paper to define allied rights of access to Berlin. The European Advisory Commission, of which Russla was a member, agreed in November, 1944; that an inter-allied government should be set up in the city, but the western powers' clams if access to it were not mentioned. Subsequent agreements were

Subsequent agreements' equally vague.

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

Lonrho still an enigma in the City. page 23

Bonn has doubts about reaching its 5pc economic growth target

From Peter Norman

Bono, May 17

Within less than 10 days of the London economic summit, at which it was thought that committed West Germany to achieving a real economic growth rate of 5 per cent this year, Dr. Hans Friderichs, his economics minister, has publicly

was still 5 per cent. But it would not be a disaster if growth turned out to be 4.7 per tent or 4.8 per cent, he added.

It was unreadistic to expect growth targets to be held to the earest decimal point. We aimed for 5 per cent last year and got 5.6 per cent and nobody complained about that ", Dr Grünewald said.

The cabiner is to discuss the year, Dr. Hans Friderichs, his economics minister, has publicly expressed doubt on his country's

LT f ()] R [decimal point".

It could be 4.3 per cent or 4.7 per cent, he said. The 5 per cent target enshrined in the Government's annual economic report no longer seemed prob-able because of disappointing developments in the first few

months of this year.

There has been a lingering uncertainty about Germany's economic outlook for some mouths, not least because the vital industrial order and production figures have been in a state of total confusion since the statistical sample on which they are based was "reformed." at the beginning of the year.

But uncertainty has tended to. turn to gloom, since the publi-cation of the April unemploy-ment figures, which showed that

on when the two-tiered price system that has operated since the beginning of this year would revert to single pricing.

He was commenting on reports from the Middle East

the option of a further 5 per-cent rise from July 1, had decided to forgo the mid year price increase.

he turbo-generator industry ouk a new turn yesterday when

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applied to GEC criticisms of

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ems with a least four power

GROUP SALES

that most of the 11 countries

Ann Fyle writes from Dubai:
that voted for a 10 per cent Shakh Ahmed Zaki Yameni,
price rise from January 1, with
Saudi oil minister, said yester

There has been speculation current attempts to end the that if the 11 Opec rembers dual price system within Opec renounced the 5 per cent in After holding discussions with crease, Saudi Arabia and the Mr Manaa Bin-Said al-Otaiba

Reyrolle Parsons attacks

'exaggerated' GEC claims

Argument over the future of over the restructuring of the turbo generator industry industry, with GEC adamant out a new turn yesterday when that it should have control and

revrolle's subsidiary, C. A. Revrolle Parsons said yester-farsons.

Mr Bob Davidson, managing derogatory statements" which irrector of GEC - Turbine had been made. The references

licences for imports of steel By Edward Townsend

Surveillance licences covering a wide range of iron and steel products imported from non-

products imported from non-EEC countries will be required from next Wednesday, the De-partment of Trade announced yesterday.

The licensing system, intro-duced under the so-called Davignon Plan, which sets mini-mum orice levels for the Euro-

be valid for three months and, said the department, issued freely against evidence, in the form of correspondence or orders, of the intent to import. Importers will be required to provide some detailed information about quantity, value and

domestic market price in the country of origin.

The price details will be of particular value under present rules in determining whether imported iron and steel is being

dumped.

Minimum prices laid down on the basis of the Davignon Plan, the basis of the basis drawn up by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the European Com-missioner for Industry, pro-duced some opposition last week from the British Steel Corporation, which described them as unrealistically low. It was feared that the intro-

There was concern that third countries ourside the EEC could regard the new minimum figures as allowing them to export to Europe at low prices. The BSC considers that the the deputy government spokes tions in the pipeline should licensing system will only slow man, said the German Govern absorb at least another 50 per ment's economic growth target cent of the funds available.

Slow rise in industrial production

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

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By David Blake Economics Correspondent Britain's industrial production continued to grow slowly during Merch; but there were tentative signs that engineering and the investment goods industries

may be going through a slightly better time now than they were at the turn of the year.

The all-industries index rose to 104.3 from the February level of 104. During the first quarter of 1977, production increased over the previous quarter by 1

Comparison between quarters

per cent.

is generally thought to be the best indicator of how industry is performing because the monthly index has a notorious The investment goods industries have carried almost all of the burden of the increase

By Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent

Two British export deals

reacy financing on medium and long term credit in line with

a policy outlined by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, at the end of

last year.
Davy Powergas, a subsidiary of Davy International, with the

West German company, Klock-ner Industrial Plant, will pro-vide the Soviet Union with two huge merhanol plants (using ICI technology) with a

in production, limited in scale though it has been, lovestment goods production was 2 per cent ... gher in the months January

vestment surveys do suggest that there will be some improvement as the year goes

But the figures also provide a reminder of how low a base the investment industries start from. Whereas in March the Index for intermediate goods industries stood at 105 (1970 is taken as 1001 and consumer goods were at 115, investment goods industries' output was only 102, even after the recent

to March than it was during October to December; the in-crease in consumer goods pro-Within industrial groups the star performer has, naturally enough, been the mining and quarrying group which includes North Sea oil. Output of this sector was 8 per cent higher in the first quarter than it was in the final quarter of 1976. duction was 0.3 per cent, while that in the intermediate goods industries was 0.5 per cent. The figures fit in with the Government's belief that there will be a big increase in investment this year while consumer The other industry which has been improving steadily in the first months of the year is engineering which accounts for more than 30 per cent of total demand will stay fairly stag-nant. The relative stagnation of consumer demand has been

output and was 1.3 per cent up in the first quarter.

Although the latest results show industrial output 2.5 per cent higher than a year ago (manufacturing is 3.5 per cent up), the picture for the decade as a whole remains gloomy.

Output is only 4.3 per cent higher than it was in 1970. The world recession has not helped, but other industrial countries

but other industrial countries have managed to do considerably better.
Taking 1970 as a base of 100,

Taking 19/0 as a base of 100, at the end of last year production (excluding construction) in Belgium was up 22 per cent. In France it was up 26 per cent and in Germany 13.5 per cent. America had an increase of 22 per cent, Japan one of 28 per cent and even Italy, often linked with Britain as the sick proper features had raised promen of Europe, had raised production 27.5 per cent. In the United Kingdom the equivalent increase was 5.7 per cent.

DoT inquiry

Inspectors have been appoin-

ted by Mr Dell, Secretary of

State for Trade, to investigate and report on the affairs of

Oralid, the office copying equip-ment supplies company, which

has been the subject of an investigation by the Monopolies

Commission and was recently taken over by the Durch office

banking firmly on the front line

Dr J. V. H. Pennings, who

fraud, malfeasance or the pro-

vision of inadequate information

The directors of Ozalid,

to shareholders are suspected.

formerly a high-flyer whose status was barely dimmed by

the disclosure in 1975, that cer-

£93,000 in the years 1970-73.

shocked the marker in Febru-ary by accepting a bid from Oce van der Grinten at below

the price then operating. They

argued that the company's trad-

Coffee price leap

after crop losses.

By Wallace Jackson Coffee prices on the London

market yesterday surged ahead

alternative.

ing difficulties precluded an

Grinten.

into affairs

of Ozalid

for Williams & Glyn's A first cautious step towards greater worker involvement in banking has been taken by Williams & Glyo's, and puts banking firmly in the from line

Step nearer

democracy

in the development of industrial democracy. An interim report of a work-

ing party between management and the National Union of Bank Employees (Nube), set up more than two years ago, broaches the sensitive issue of worker directors on the board, but has decided in favour of further

Nevertheless it contains muld criticisms of consultation from senior management levels and urges a more efficient system as a priority. The working party unanimously agreed that the first effort should be directed towards developing efficient consultative systems as a means of achieving more effective participation. But it failed to agree on the details.

By a majority decision it recommended establishing a corporate council for consulta-tion at top level, with the de-velopment of further consultation lower down Eut a minority wanted the process reversed, with improvements starting from the lower levels and moving upwards.

The working party recom-mends the development of further consultation at divisional level, although not imposing it, and suggests the establishment of divisional councils.

The corporate council should, for example, be involved in both formulating and communicating the bank's corporate plan, and so would meet at least twice a year. A continuing dialogue would flow from working parties formed from members of the council. While confining the council to consultative issues, the working party decided not to detail its

The report touches on the highly sensitive issue of non-union staff in the development

But on the corporate council, which would have 12 to 14 seats, management representatives should include the highest levels, including executive director level. The working party spells out in detail come of the options for electing staff tain directors' pay had been understated to the tune of

workers with a succinct state-ment that "consultation itse!f must not impede management's right to make decisions in order to react to events of a commercial significance.

It also emphasizes the need for secrecy when information is disclosed, particularly where the information relates to indi-vidual staff members or customers. The report says people no

longer accept that authority and the right to demand unquestioning obedience automatically go with position or social status. Employees need a sense of achievement and involvement. It says participation has to a degree been forced on em-ployers by legislation requiring

A minority report of the working party proposes a number of participation procedures to evolve from lower levels upwards. It urges the entension of the present office representative system to overcome the dif-ficulty of organizing a large number of lower level bodies.

Christopher Thomas

conomics minister, has publicly

the cabiner is to discuss the high level of memployment at ability to meet its target.

Dr Friderichs told a meeting of foreign journalists in Bonn growth rate this year would aid the building industry, which have only a "four before the decimal point". But according to government

sources, there is no chance of further funds being made avail-able besides the DM16,000m (about £4,000m) infrastructure development programme decided earlier this rear. This programme is due to be pushed through over the remainder of this decade by the Federal and State Governments and the local

In terms of cash, the most that seems likely at the moment is a reallocation of money un-used by the Federal Labour Office.

Last November

DM430m was set aside by the Federal : Government to help finance those prepared to move ment figures, which showed that house to take up jobs. The Germany still had a jobless total Labour Office has paid out only of more than a million a quarter of this amount so Today Dr Armin Grünewald, far; bur it claims that applica-

Opec prices policy 'still unsettled'

a single price as was the prac-tice in the past but there had been so final sendement yet. Ann Fyfe writes from Dubai: Shakhi Ahmed Zaki Yamani

day after an 8-hour visit to the United Arab Emirates that Saudi Arabia would not alter

its position on oil prices despite

GEC and Parsons are fighting

Parsons opposing such a solu-

to past generator problems had been exaggerated.

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number of machines ordered in

Surveillance

mum price levels for the Euro pean steel industry, goes some way to meeting union and in-dustry demands in Britain for a more detailed form of import monitoring in a bid to establish whether dumping is taking

duction of voluntary minimum prices could tend to drag down

total contract value of \$250m. The project will take about four years to complete, and will involve ICI and the German company in buying back-methanol produced from the two new Russian plants.

British exports share \$300m deals

using foreign currency financing

Two British export deals together worth nearly \$300m (about £176m)—one for the Soviet Union and the other for the Middle East—were announced yesterday.

Both deals are the first major overseas contracts of real size to involve foreign corresponding and The deal will make use of the Anglo-Soviet credit agreement signed two years ago. The take-up of the facilities has until now been slow and next week Mr Dell, the Secretary of State for Trade, will have talks in Moscow on further possibilities. The Middle East deal, worth

\$40m—the first syndicated United States dollar denominated British export credit negotiated under the new Export Credits Guarantee Department arrangements-will involve the

ment for a new gas gathering and treatment plant being built in Dubai by McDermotr Middle East Trading of Houston, Texas. The aim of the new foreign currency financing measures is to encourage exporters to use a form of financing which bene-

fits the balance of payments, and which, because it does not require refinancing, reduces the burden on public expenditure. Also the use of foreign cur-rency may allow exporters to more compensive prices if the currency concerned is at a premium in the forward

Morgan Grenfell, merchant bankers, were involved in arranging finance for both bankers.

City dissatisfaction grows over terms for Cavenham

Amid growing City dissatis-faction with the terms of the partial bid by Sir James Gold-smith's Generale Occidentale for Cavenham, it emerged last night that a group of leading institutional investors is to meet during the next few days to consider whether to demand

a better offer.

The meeting will be attended by a number of pension funds, who rogether hold almost 10 per cent of Caven-ham's shares. It is clear that full hid for the minority in Cavenham, and yesterday they were expressing widespread discontent that GO's offer is only to be for half of the 49 per cent of Cavenham which it

If the funds decide they feel strongly enough about this issue to take it further, it seems likely that any representations will be made collectively on their behalf through the medium of the investment protection committee of the National Association of Peneine Funds.

Among the pension funds

shares are those of British Airways, British Rail, British Steel and Shell. A key factor in determining

the attitude of the pension funds could be the position of the Prudential Assurance, which is the largest institu-tional shareholder in Caven-ham with some 6 per cent although there is no question of the Pru participating in the pensions funds' own discussions. It was widely believed that

the Pru had reached agree-ment with Sir James on terms for a bid, and that a decision by the Pru to accept would influence other big share-holders. But while the Pru had certainly talked to Sir James and had spelt out the kind of terms it would consider accep-table, it is now clear that those earlier talks were on the basis of a full, not a partial bid. The Pru declined to com-ment yesterday on whether or not it would accept the offer. but it appears to be less than enchanted with the partial

offer. Financial Editor, page 23

to the highest levels since April on news that cold winds

had damaged some of the trees in North Parana, Brazil. "Spot" May coffee closed £397.50 up on the day at £3,605 per tonne and the July position

was £418 ahead at £3,670. One estimate is that Parana

could lose from 15 to 20 per cent of its 1978-79 crop, which had been expected to reach four to five million 60-kilo The 1977-78 Brozilian harvest

is due to begin next month and it is expected that only the quality of this harvest will be

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UNION MINIERE Société Anonyme

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders are invited to attend the annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 26th May, 1977, at 10 30 a.m. in the Office of the "Societé Genérale de Belgique". 30 rue Royale, Brussels,

 Reports by the Board of Directors, the Auditing Commission and the legal Auditor for the financial year 1978. 2. Approval of the balance sheet as at December 31, 1970, and of the profit and loss account of the financial year: distribu-

4. Statutory appointments—Emoluments of the legal Augitor. In order to be admitted to this Meeting owners of bearer shares must deposit their shares not later than Wednesday, 18in

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with "Banque Baiga (France)", rus Voiney 12, 75002 Paris with "Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank".

producing a statement from one of the above banks montening the identity of the owner of the observa and cartifying that the shares will remain deposited from 19th to 26th litary 1977.

Owners of registered chares must advice the Company not later than Wednesday, 18th May 1977, of their intention to attend the Meeting or to be represented.

May, 1977, at the Company's Registered Office, rue de la Chancellerie 1. Brussels.

tations, and said that of the ast 26 tarbine generators ordered in the United Kingdom, 21 had been won by GEC in competition. He also gave a the United Kingdom it has always been a characteristic of the bome market that orders go varning that a decision to give in phases and so different Drax B to Parsons before a statistics can be arrived at by ationalization of the industry considering various periods of vould be disastrous.

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Ford Main Dealers 1976 RESULTS

51,640,907 36,218,220 PROFIT BEFORE TAX 1,577,670 1,308,194 218,506 198,906

DIVIDENDS net ADDED TO RESERVES 591.300 394,637 13.2p EARNINGS PER SHARE 16.3p Extracts from the review by the Chairman.

Mr. J. F. Macgregor

- * Continued profit growth in 1976 despite high cost of financing biggest ever expansion project.
- Dividends increased by permitted maximum. 1977 first quarter's profit of £606,000 shows 45%
- Management views immediate trading

increase over previous year.

and the 1976 Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 279 Ballards Lane, London N12 8NS

Mr Varley to approve new Mini next week

Asked his views of present

efforts were still ar an early stage and "had not yet reached

The Venezuelan oil minister

recently completed a tour of the Opec countries aimed at finding a compromise solution.

a satisfactory conclusion".

By Clifford Webb Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is now expected to announce the Government's decision on the British Leyland review study in two stages.

The first—probably on May 26—will authorize the Leyland Cars subsidiary to go ahead with investment on new models, including the controversial £200m Mini project.

But an announcement on reorganization and possible changes in senior management will not be made until Parliament resumes after the Whitsun recess.

A decision on this is not pressing as the need to lift the freeze on capital spending which is threatening serious delays to the 1979 launch date for the new Mini and the new medium saloon range due out

Government delay in tackling structural and managerial problems will inevitably lead to reports that neither ministers. nor Lord Ryder; chairman of the National Enterprise Board; can find executives who have the standing and the will to take on such a daunting task. The most widely reported can-didate, Mr Terry Beckett, 53, chairman and managing direc-tor of Ford Britain, is appar-

ently a non-starter. Despite the improvements of the past two months, Leyland Cars has shown that it cannot generate cash flow to support the planned investment ratio of £1.4 of Leyland money for every £1 from the Government.

In acknowledging this failure the Government is expected to tell Leyland Cars to concentrate available funds on new cars and reduce investment aimed at providing more of its own components.

UK Shipbuilders chief is named

Mr Michael Casey, a former top civil servant, has been con-firmed as chief executive of British Shipbuilders, the new state corporation which is due to take over the bulk of Britain's shipbuilding industry

Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry confirmed the appointment of Mr Casey, Business appointments Appointments vacant
Wall Street formerly head of the Department of Industry's shipbuilding policy division, for one year at a salary of £19,300. Bank Base Rates Table Annual Statements: Harold Perry Motors

leave board at Beaverbrook Beaverbrook Newspapers an-

Two directors

By Roger Vielvoye

Mr Ali M. Jaidah, Secretary
General of the Organization of
Petroleum Exporting Countries
(Opec) said last night that it
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Opec's last summit in Doha, of its directors yesterday as speculation about the future of the newspaper group continued. The directors involved are Mr A. N. Dyer and Mr B. T. G. Their resignations follow that of another boardroom member,

attempts to reconcile the 5 per cent increase with the two-part. 15 per cent rise decided upon by the other 11 Opec members, Shaikh Yamani said these Mr Peter Hetherington three weeks ago, and are thought to arise partly from the board-room rift which led to the short-lived dismissal of Mr Jocelyn Stevens, the chief executive last month. Beaverbrook "A" shares rose by around 5p at one stage yesterday on rumours that Sir James Goldsmith's Générale

Occidentale group was ready to make a full hid for the company. However, after active trading the shares fell back to close unchanged at 56p.
Plans to merge Beaverbrook's London evening paper,
the Evening Standard with its
rival Evening News were suspended last month after Sir

James intervened with an offer to examine possible means of maintaining the Standard independently.

Lonrho pays £24.8m for AVP Industries Lonrho, returning to the take-

over fray yet again, has made an agreed £24.8m bid for AVP Industries, owners of Brighton's decaying West Pier, several botels including the Metropole chain and some industrial The bid is worth 130p cash a share—far higher than the

shares have ever been, adjusted for capital change. AVP's quote was restored yesterday after a one-day suspension and the shares rose 36p to 129p, having gained 10p last week. At the beginning of the year the shares were quoted at 51p. At one stage the shares touched 132p as a few hopes were raised of a counter bid, before it became apparent that

Mr Harold Poster, the AVP for the chairman, was firmly behind March, the bid.

and Loarne's starting position of 110p. He said the net asset value backing was now somewhat higher than the 125p stated in the annual report for the start of March the year to the end of March

holdings accounting for a further 16.1 per cent of the equity will amost certainly accept.

AVP is expected to have

Directors of AVP have under-taken to accept the offer in respect of their 3.4 per cent holding, and family and trust

made a profit of about 15.5m

Mr Poster said the agreed price was the result of a direct compromise between his own original figure of 150p a share if I get an organization coming along and putting 130p on the table, who am I to say no? I have to consider what is in the shareholders' interests." He said he would remain chairman of the company and joint managing director with his son. Michael if the bid was

Meanwhile, Lonrho announced that 95 per cent of its recent rights issue had been teken up and that, with excess applications, the issue had been the control of the control substantially more than 100 per cent oversubscribed. Lourho enigma, page 23

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On other pages

Gold was unchanged at \$147.875 per ounce. SDR-S was 1.16145 on Tuesday wible SDR-f was 0.675812. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1678.2 (previous 1679.5).

Oxley Printing Rugby Portland Cement Rush & Tomkins Unicorn

Whirbread Preliminary Announcement: Interim Statements:

was appointed deputy chairman and managing director of Ozalid in April, after the take-Ozalid in April, after the takeover, said yesterday that he was
completely satisfied that the
investigation had nothing to do
with the present group.

The board of Ozalid understood that the investigation
under section 165(b) of the
Companies Act 1948 related to
"specific events" occurring
before the Dutch company
moved to.

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However, Dr Pennings said that he did not know what these "specific events" were. Section 165(b) gives the Secretary of State for Trade powers arbitals to order an investigation. of the consultative process but says simply, and perhaps sig-nificantly, that no firm conclu-sions had been reached. publicly to order an investiga-

representatives, but again no final decision is reached. The report falls far short of a full-blooded involvement by

the disclosure of certain infor-mation to employees.

How the markets moved

Risės Advio Am Ind 10p to 485p AVP Ind 36p to 129p Bibby, J. 7p to 141p Bibby, J. 7p to 141p Blackwd Hodge 7p to 124p Blackwd Hooge
Broken Hill 55p to b/3p
Cons Gold Fieldsop to 166p
EMI 5p to 238p
Empire Stores 8p to 143p
Invergordon 6p to 62p
7p to 100p

Marievale Con 5p to 69p MTD (Mangula) 4p to 68p Nat Carbon 3p to 57p Roan Cops " B "7p to 135p Equities drifted back from a firm start. Gill-**caged** securities saw demand. Dollar premium 121.25 per cent (effective rate 45.514 per cent). Sterling lost 2 points to 51.7189. The effective exchange rate index was at 61.7.

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tion of the profit. 3. Discharge to be granted to the Directors and Auditors.

May, 1977, with any one of the following banks: with "Société Genérale de Banqua", in Brussels or any of its other offices and

in the Netherlands: with Herengrachi 595, 1001 Amsterdam. Owners of bearer shares will be admitted to the Meeting on

Proxies, conferred according to article 30 of the Articles of Association, must be deposited not later than Wednesday, 18-h

Proxy forms are available to shareholders at the Company's Registered Office and also at the above-mentioned banks. The Board of Directors

RUGBY PORTLAND CEMENT



"Particular emphasis on the development of plant which is even more efficient and economical in the use of energy."

The speech of the Chairman, at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 10th June, 1977, together with a separate message from the Chairman, both of which have been circulated with the Report, are as follows:

In my first speech as Chairman, I am very glad to be able to report that our results for 1976 produced a record profit. I am sure you will agree that congratulations on this achievement are due to all concerned for what was a particularly good performance against the background of a difficult situation, Earnings per share on the Ordinary Shares were 8-2p in 1976 against 7-7p in 1975 and on the Participating (non-voting) Shares 3-6p against 3-3p in the previous year.

RETIREMENT OF SIR HALFORD REDDISH

December 1976 saw the retirement of Sir Halford Reddish after over 47 years on the Board of this Company. I would have liked to say more than this but it is at Sir Halford's explicit, and strongly expressed, request that I refrain from doing so.

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

1976 also marks the end of an era in this country as a whole. For during it Her Majesty's Government publicly recognised for the first time the close relationship which inescapably exists between the level of public expenditure and of either taxation or borrowings to finance it on the one hand, and both inflation and an adverse balance of payments on the other. While, as citizens, we must all be glad to see this appreciation, however belated, of the economic facts of life, the Government's actual measures are in practice likely to arouse less enthusiasm. For instead of applying to current spending the inevitably painful cuts in public expenditure proper understanding of the nation's economic situation plainly demands, most of their proposed reductions and restrictions appear to be aimed at capital expenditure, particularly in the field of construction. Not only must this adversely affect the construction industry, and those who serve it, but it must also mean the creation of unnecessary bottlenecks and shortages when economic recovery comes. At that time necessary investment in buildings, equipment, roads, factories and airfields will have to be done in a hurry, against time, and of course at a far higher cost than would now be involved.

For this Company, as for all others which supply the U.K. market, this must mean that 1977 will be, so far as that market is concerned, a far from easy year. Your Company did well in 1976 to increase its share of the U.K. market from 14-5% to 15%. But securing a better share of a shrinking market, though it of course reflects the greatest credit on those working in your Company at all levels, is a tough job and less rewarding than sharing in a growing market.

So far as the present year is concerned, unprecedented rain in the first two months literally damped down demand, but with better weather there is reason to hope the demand for cement will improve as work on sites picks up again. The recent Budget, it should be noted, will increase - and is intended to increase - the costs of industries such as our own which have no option but to make substantial use of road transport. However there are certain signs of growing confidence in the British economy and if this tendency continues, the heavy backlog of building work which has developed should mean increasing demand later in the year.

OVERSEAS

Overseas the prospect is brighter. While in Australia the forecast recovery in the economy following on the change of government has been slower than some people expected, in recent months the construction industry in Western Australia has begun to show a good deal more confidence. Our Australian subsidiary, Cockburn Cement Limited, achieved improved profits in 1976 as a result of higher dispatches of both cement and lime. Recently there have been announcements of several important plans for industrial expansion in Western Australia and there is therefore every prospect of a continuing improvement in the level of industrial activity in that State and, with it, in the demand for cement. The demand for lime also shows signs of further growth, to the extent that Cockburn is now planning an extension of present production facilities with a new lime plant.

TRINIDAD

In the Caribbean, in response to an approach from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, negotiations took place last Summer which resulted in an agreement to purchase for cash the shares of our subsidiary company, Trinidad Cement Limited. Heads of Agreement were signed in July and the company came under government management from the beginning of August. The purchase price agreed was approximately £4.4 million. We very much hope that this sale will be followed by close and continuing co-operation between the new owners and your Company.

Your Company is actively pursuing opportunities overseas, particularly in the field of consultancy where its high standard of expertise in many directions, including the operation of pipe-lines, can be profitably exploited. Our subsidiary company, R.P.C. Technical Services Limited, is energetically seeking appointments in a consultancy capacity on projects at home and overseas.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UK

At home 1976 has been a year of progressive adjustment of current Works' operation to current levels of demand for cement and of increasing engineering activity to modernise our production facilities with particular emphasis on the development of plant which is even more efficient and economical in the use of energy. At Southam Works good progress has been made on our first conversion of a kiln from the wet to the semi-wet process. After pilot scale trials which started in May, construction work for the conversion began in the Autumn and the kiln itself was stopped for modification at the beginning of the year. It is expected to start producing clinker by the new process in July, with a saving of more than one third of the previous fuel

At our Rochester Works, the major part of the design work for the installation of a new 2,200 tonnes a day Lepol semi-wet process kiln and ancillary plant is nearing completion. The necessary civil engineering work is progressing well and erection of the new machinery is due to start in the late Spring. The new kiln will take over the whole of the Works' production in the Autumn of 1978.

In 1976, our steel reinforcement subsidiary, The Rom River Company Limited, maintained its position as a leading supplier to the construction industry.

CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

We are taking steps to seek to ascertain the wishes of our works' employees on the question of trade union recognition. Meanwhile, consultation has continued to take place through the medium of the Works Committees and I have, since becoming Chairman, taken advantage of my visits to the Company's Works, to meet the members of these important Committees and to discuss current problems with them. Work is also in hand to improve and bring up to date provision for retirement benefits in respect of all categories of our employees.

DIVIDENDS

The increase in the dividends on both the Ordinary and Participating (non-voting) Shares which we are proposing is the maximum allowable under the Government's policy of restricting dividend distributions.

INFLATION ACCOUNTING

In the four years since January 1973, we have had the Accounting Standards Steering Committee's Exposure Draft on "Accounting for Changes in the Purchasing Power of Money", Sandilands and Morpeth. It is apparent that inflation accounting will be the subject of considerable debate before a new system is completely finalised. While therefore I have no doubt that adjusting accounting for inflation is desirable, I can see no point in producing Accounts in an entirely new form until the final pattern which we shall have to follow is

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Your Board has been strongly reinforced by the appointment of Mr. J. R. Pryor and Mr. A. N. Williams in January of this year. They both have a profound knowledge of the Company's business and will be able to give even fuller service to the Company as members of the Board. In accordance with the Articles of Association, they retire at this meeting and offer themselves for re-election. I am also very glad to be able to report that Mr. R. J. Morgan, who retired from his executive responsibilities on the 31st December 1976, has accepted his colleagues' invitation to remain on the Board in a non-executive capacity. We shall, in this way, continue to have the benefit of his experienced wisdom.

THE WILL TO SUCCEED

Your Company is determined to modernise itself in every respect to enable it to meet the challenge of to-day and tomorrow. I am confident that it will-with the close co-operation of all who work in it-not merely survive, but prosper.

I will conclude with a quotation from an earlier statement which sets out with great clarity what I believe to be the essential truth:

The most valuable asset in the Company's balance sheet is one written in invisible ink. It reads something like this:

The loyalty, the efficiency, the capacity for work of all employed by the Company, their pride in the job and in the Company's achievements, and their joy in having a part in those achievements.*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

My predecessor as Chairman made a practice of including with the Annual Report a message directed to those who, worked with him in the Company. It is not my intention in future years, unless some very special reason arises, to continue this practice. For it seems to me that all concerned with the Company, whether they work in it or advise it from outside or hold its shares, have a common concern with its welfare and I would like to think that those who work in it will read the whole of its Annual Report. And, indeed, I am glad to think that there are many of those who work in it who are also shareholders. There are no watertight compartments to divide us.

However, this year, I would like to take advantage of my predecessor's practice to say directly to all who work with me in the Company how honoured I feel at being entrusted with its Chairmanship, I am very conscious, too, of the responsibility which falls on me in becoming Chairman of a company with such a record behind it and in which so many people have worked for so long, in many cases indeed for the whole of their working lives. This responsibility certainly is not lightened by the circumstances of to-day. Inflation, and all the evils that go with it, is still far from conquered. And it is the unhappy fact, as I say in my Chairman's speech, that some of the measures which our Government seeks to apply to check inflation must inevitably hit the construction industries and those who supply materials to those industries. We should be kidding ourselves therefore if we thought that during the next year or two any of us is going to have an easy time.

But our Company has the great advantage that all of those who work in it do realise that its continued success does depend upon its efficiency in a fiercely competitive situation. Only if we deliver punctually and efficiently what our customers want will we continue to prosper. And we must prosper to survive. It is an illusion to think that companies can get by and continue to provide good jobs without making profit. Profits are needed, both to enable us to raise more capital when we need new and better equipment, as well as helping to pay

directly for some of this. It is in difficult times that the men are sorted out from the boys. Most people can get by when. conditions are easy. But when they get difficult. it is the toughly efficient who come out on top. Let all of us be determined that Rugby shall come out on top, so that when this country reaches as it will in due course better times, we shall be there fully equipped to take advantage of them.

THE RUGBY PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY LTD. CROWN HOUSE, RUGBY.

New attempt being made to rescue Generale Immobiliare

Rome May 17

A further attempt is being to rescue Societa le Immobiliare, the troubled international property group, this time through its incorporation into the public works contractor Societa Condone d'Acqua.

The prospects were outlined The prospects were outlined by Signor Loris Corbi, Chairman of Condotte d'Acqua, to a Generale Immobiliare share holders' meeting yesterday at which he was invited to speak. The success of the complex salvage operation depends on two factors.

factors.

First, a 35,753m lire (£23.8m)
convertible bond issue,
approved by the shareholders'
meeting, has to be placed temporarily with leading creditor
banks on the understanding
that it will eventually be taken
up by Condotte d'Acque.

A group of hank represent-

A group of bank represent-atives met last night to discuss the issue, but they have not yet made known their agree-

Second, Condone d'Acqua, controlled by IRI the state holding corporation has to be returned to private ownership what would be the first exit by a major company from the public sector.

IRI, exasperated at having to

accept hopeless loss-makers accept hopeless loss-makers such as companies from the dismembered EGAM group, prefers to rid itself of Condotte d'Zcqua rather than be saddled with Generale Immobiliare. It has given Signor Corbi until-August 10 to find al buyer for its \$1.8 per cent share in Condotte d'Acqua, but nove is yet on the horizon.

Generale Immobiliare, Italignet bisgest property company with extensive interests in Europe and North America, including

extensive interests in Europe and North America, including Washington's Watergate confidence of 52,829m lire, following one of 86,392m lire in 1975.

Besides approving the 1975 accounts, the shareholders meeting authorized a one-third capital write-down, the incorporation of the Sogene subsidiary, and the establishment of a new company into which new company into which enerale immobiliare will Generale Immobiliare will divest itself of its main Italian

urban properties.
Shareholdings in the new company will then be offered free to creditor banks. The meeting also approved the appointment as chairman of Signor Aldo Maria Mazio, a

retired ambassador, in place of Signor Mario Genghini, one of a group of nine Romen build-ing contractors who along with Banco di Roma held a controll-ing interest.

Post Office cuts 'must be orderly'

By Kenneth Owen. Technology Correspondent

Technology Correspondent
A Government decision to support the electronics components industry with £20m must be considered only "as a starter" if the industry is to keep abreast of modern technologies and compete on an international basis. Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of Plessey, said yesterday. Speaking at a lunch to mark the opening of the London Electronic Component Show at tronic Component Show at Olympia, Sir John said that changes in technology now taking place were of great and far-reaching significance; they

could not be ignored.

But the social consequences of technological change must be taken into account. That was why the telecommunications industry had appealed to the Government against the cumulative effects of Post Office cuts in traditional electromechanical

telephone systems.

"Of course, we believe the British telecommunications industry should move forward quickly into the new technical area with equipment brought to modern technical standards",

modern technical standards, he said,
But some regard must be paid to social responsibility by the decision-makers. By their decisions, they have the power to wipe out the livelihood of thousands of people without adequate time being given for an orderly and manageable transition from the old to the transition from the old to the

£13m rod mill

deal for Ashlow A contract worth film has been won by Ashlow Steel and Engineering, Sheffield, for the supply of a high-speed wire rod mill for a new steelworks being built in South Korea.

The United Kingdom company is acting as main con-

pany is acting as main con-rractor for the project and the mill is scheduled to start pro-duction in 1979. Financing has been arranged by Lazard Brothers & Co., supported by the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Yorkshire gas search approved

By Ronald Kershaw

An exploration licence to drill for oil and gas on the north Yorkshire moors has been granted to Consolidated Goldfields, which acr ired the Whitby Potash Com any from Shell Petroleum at the end of March.

The company is hoping to find gas in sufficient quantities to provide energy for a potash retinery to be built on an industrial site south of Whitby. An application for an extension to planning permission to mine potash and establish the mine potash and establish the refinery has been rejected by North Yorkshire County Coun-

north forsante county con-cil and is the subject of an appeal.

Mr G. G. Williams, a spokes-man for Consolidated Gold-fields, said last night that the application to drill for gas was an integral part of the plan to mine. mine and refine potash. Gas exploration will be over an area of 476 square kilometres between Brotton, Stain-tondale and Rosedale Abbey.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT The following are the index numbers for industrial production in March, seasonally adjusted. Office yesterday (1970=100):

	industries	total
1977. Q1	104.2	105.
1976	2	
March	101.9	101.8
April		103.1
May		105.4
June	100.5	101.4
July	101.4	103.6
August	100.6	102.
September.	102.4	104.
October	- 102.8	104.
November	103.4	104.
December	103.3	103.
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January '		105.0
February	104.0	105.2
March p	104,3	105.7
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Business appointments

Sir I McLennan new chief of ANZ Group Holdings

Sir Ian McLennan is to become chairman of ANZ Group Holdings and ANZ Banking Group Holdings and ANZ Banking Group Holdings and ANZ Banking Group from Occober 1. Mr. Angus Mackinnon is to step down as chairman of both companies from September 30 but will remain on both boards.

Mr. William Johnston, who last year resigned as chief executive of County Bank, has joined the boards of Ferguson Securities and its wholly owned subsidiary. Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust. He has also been made a director of William Reed and Sons and Habit Precision Engineering. He also takes over as managing director of Birmingham and Midland Counties Securities.

Mr. W. R. Vaughan, chairman of

Mr. W. R. Vaughau, chairman of Vaughau Associates, has been elected president of the Machine Tool Trades Association. Fig. succeeds Mr. G. W. J. Trowbridge, apputy managing director of Wickman.

Mr G. R. Collyer has been made chairman of Saguenay Shipping (UK), while continuing as managing director. Mr George Russell and Mr J. S. Bridgeman join the board. Mr John Swanborough has been elected executive elected executive chairman of Howard Tenens Services and Mr Denois Barrett becomes group managing director. Mr Flers Har-ford has given up the non-evecu-tive chairmanship but remains on the heard

Mr P. F. W. Jay and Mr C. N. Lowe have become directors of

Lowe have Decome undersolved the Excess Insurance.
Mr P. T. Gunton has been made a director of Malayan Plantations in place of Mr C. B. Stanley.
Mr W. J. A. Dacombé joins the board of Sizewell European Mr.

vestment Trusi.
Sir Thomas Pilkington takes
over as chairman of Charette
Steam-Ship, succeeding Mr Brian
Watson Hughes, who remains on the board. Mr Richard Opperman Johns the



Securities: Sir Ian McLenna ANZ Group Holdings and AN Banking Group in October.

Mr John Jeffrey-Cook and a Tony Ring are new members the Council of the Institute Taxzion, Mr Edward Boyles at Mr-George Whillans have retire Mr Burry Lee Joins the boz of Public Attitude Surveys. Mr Roger Farkyn, resear director of Sharps Advertising, the new chairman of the if Sedety—the body representing idvidual members of the I sent of Practicioners in Advertising.

Mrs Shella Hemphill, Mr J. Camonis and Mr Michael Maichael have been made directors Sewari Wrightson Mari

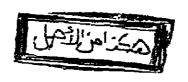
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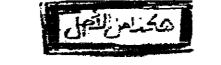
The Marquess of Douro has joined the boards of the Anto-lagasta (Chiff) & Bolivia Raiway and its subsidiaries.

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Mr. D. R. Hickett his become deputy to the main of the fitter of the fi deputy tornering district Richards & Wattington (Lone) Mr. Miles Collings had be made group treasurer of BICC Mr. H. G. Buck joins the back Star Official Services.





Whitbread announce the following trading performance for the 12 months to February 1977.

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1975/76 1976/77
Profit before tax £30.7m. £42.6m.
Dividend £7.6m. £8.3m. [respect].
Tax £,16.5m. £22.3m.
Profit ploughed back £7.9m. £10.9m.

Didn't we do well! Or did we? It seems to depend on where you stand.

Standing at the bar, you might be tempted to observe that if we have made that much money we should not increase the price of a pint so often.

Standing for Parliament, you might (depending on your political leaning) make capital out of the short term profit growth of 38.9%, which is well ahead of last year's rate of inflation.

Our employees might ask how long must they stand for wage restraint while we make massive profits.

On the other hand, those same employees stand to gain from our investment plans, as do the retailers who make a living by trading in our products.

Our shareholders can look forward to an increased dividend. And the Chancellor can stand by to receive a substantial windfall in duty and VAT.

Clearly we cannot satisfy all these points of view. What is the correct balance, the fair profit for which we are prepared to stand up and be counted?

Let us take you through some facts.

First, the good news.

Profit before tax increased by £11.9m., a gain of 38.9%.

Investment plans can therefore continue. We are half way through a 5 year programme with £116m, planned to be spent over the next 2 years. There is a brewery going up at Magor in South Wales, new lager production facilities, new canning line and an extensive programme of building and renovation in our licensed estate.

Employment results from our investment plans, not just for our own people but also or workers in supplier companies, particularly n the construction industry. Our own profit performance allowed us to continue producing wage packets for nearly 40,000 people—plus heir families—for another year.

The Drinker has had to put up with price ncreases, but still gets one of the cheapest pints n Europe. Our volume has certainly held up, which encourages us to believe that the value

of British beer in the British pub is widely appreciated.

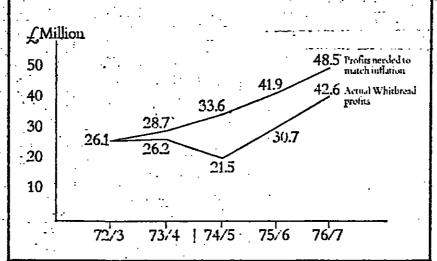
The public at large will benefit from the fruits of our labours in the shape of the taxes and duty that we pay. Last year we generated around £200 million which would have paid for any of the following:

Half of the cost of school meals, milk and welfare foods

or all public expenditure on libraries or most of the cost of the fire service.

Now, the not-so-good news.

Inflation has taken its toll of our long term prosperity—our performance over the past 5 years has been consistently behind the inflation-adjusted targets.



Dividends are even further behind inflation—the shareholder (who, these days, is often a retired hard-working man or a pension fund manager) has suffered most of all.

	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7
ORDINARY DIVIDEND TO SHARE- HOLDERS		105.0	110.5	117.4	128.0	140.8
RETAIL PRICE INDEX	100	106.1	114.7	139.8	171.8	199.7
AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE		114.9				191.9
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Prospects are not rosy—the second half results are much inferior to the first:

	1976/77 vs 1975/76
FIRST HALF PROFIT	+ £9.3m. (+49.8%)
SECOND HALF PROFIT	+£3.1m. (+23.7%)

These figures may be exaggerated by the phenomenal summer of 1976, but the devastating impact of accumulating cost increases in the second half is all too apparent.

For example: malt went up by 35%, hops by 22%, cans and cartons by 19%, and fuel and power by 29%.

Costs must be recovered and the only sure way is through increased prices. Failure to put up our prices last year would have resulted in a £14.5m. profit fall-down to £28.1m., which is not much better than 4 years ago.

We might have had less explaining to do, but we would also have done less investing – spent less on new plant and equipment, and less on our estate – with a consequent chain reaction on earnings, jobs and future profits.

Human resource is probably our most important single asset. Caring for it and nurturing it is an increasing problem. At its most obvious it is a problem of rewards and security which depend on Whitbread remaining competitive and profitable. But it goes deeper than that. Morale can be lowered by many things: seeing the standard of living of one's family decline, having to operate an obsolete machine for cost-saving reasons, listening to our critics, feeling that the whole commercial structure of society may be tottering.

We want to play our part in removing these irritants—we know that self-interest, even enlightened self-interest, is not enough in the changing modern world.

So where do we stand on our profits?

For a start, let us declare an interest: we worked dammed hard to earn them! You cannot expect us to achieve total detachment, nor to expound original wisdom on how to perform the economic miracle.

As a large national company we are a significant social unit and, as such, willing to account for our performance to the community as a whole–even though that means trying to satisfy conflicting opinions.

We think our performance, seen in the context of the past 5 years and our view of the next 5 years, has achieved a reasonable balance. We think our plans to plough back most of our profits are responsible and, within our limitations, likely to bring the greatest happiness to the greatest number.



WHITBREAD & CO.LTD

5,000 Chloride battery workers in strikes and sit-ins at two plants

By R. W. Shakesoeare

A strike and sit-in by 5,000 workers at two Chloride International battery manufacturing factories in Manchester and Dagenham has halted all pro-

Workers are occupying the two plants at Clifton Junction, Manchester, where 3.500 are on strike and at Dagenham, Essex. where another 1,500 are out. Senior management staff have

The dispute centres on union rejection of an offer which will ive the 5:000 workers the chance to earn a £4 a week bonus above last year's average earnings, in addition to a 5 per cent wage increase under phase two of the Government's incomes policy.

In a statement last night the company said that the key issue was an urgent need to bring levels of production in the United Kingdom plants up to those of Chloride companies overseas and international com-

N Sea oil

in stocks

By Roger Vielvoye

Energy Correspondent

Growing production from the

North Sea has reduced the amount of oil that British refining companies will be

required to hold in stock. Mr

Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yester-

day that the companies' stock-bolding requirements would be

reduced from the equivalent of

Under European Economic

Community regulations, Britain

is entitled to a 15 per cent re-duction in stocks because of

North Sea output. But, under the terms of the International

Energy Agency treaty, Britain can discount the whole of its

North Sea production against

Talks have started between the Department of Energy and

the EEC Commission with the

object of producing a compro-mise on EEC and IEA stock-

holding requirements for sub-stantial oil producers.

Mr George Trowbridge, the

ourgoing president says the of industry confidently expected la

85 days' imports to 75 days.

allows cuts

productivity which has not been delivered and the company is not prepared to go on doing

Average earnings for workers at the Manchester and Dagen-ham plants are £76 for a 40hour week, a company spokes-The main union involved is

the Transport and General Workers Union but four others also have members in the two A union spokesman said

although productivity was one of the main issues, there were the import of foreign batteries and job security.

In its statement the company accused the unions of breaking an agreement on confidentiality concerning discussions between management and shop floor representatives on a possible link-up between Chloride and another manufacturer over the manufacture of battery separa-

peritors.

The company spokesman said
The statement added: the unions had been given
Chloride has been paying for advance information and it was

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Rolls-Royce RB 211 engines

could be fitted to the European

A300 airbus if talks between the British company and Airbus

Industrie which are due to begin shortly are successful.

At present, the A300 is powered by American General Electric CF6 engines, but recently the other big United States manufacturer in this field, Pratt and Whitney, offered to work with Airbus Industrie towards the firting of

Industrie towards the fitting of-

their engine, the JT9D.
But M Bernard Lathiere,
president and chief executive

of AI, told me in Paris vesterday that neither the Rolls nor

the Pratt and Whitney engines will replace the GE CF6.

Rather they will offer a wider range of options with a choice

of three engines which should make the A300 more popular among a wider range of airlines.

Although a total of 37 air-

Disillusionment by Britain's their investment programme on firm policy of the association

machine tool makers over the a more regular basis during the to encourage the development of

despite an immense application of man hours on the part of our members in the preparation

of projects for British Ley-land."

Toolmakers 'disillusioned' by Leyland

continuing lack of large scale ordering by British Leyland has been stressed in the annual report of the Machine Tool Trades Association.

Retained earnings carried to general reserve

Earnings per share ...

buses have been ordered by domestic airline, and ten airlines, with a further 23 cently that they a options to purchase, M Lathiere four A300s on lease.

a matter of great concern to had breached this confiden-tiality and included the question of the possible link-up in their call for industrial action.

Senior management men locked out of the Manchester factory set up a temporary headquarters in a nearby motel. Mr Peter Berry, Chloride's manufacturing director, said that the temporary accom-modation was designed to keep the company "ricking over"

The company was concerned

that the dispute would seriously affect its export drive and marketing operations. He added: "We are fully prepared to meet union representatives when and where they wish ".

Union conveners at the Manchester plant met for several hours yesterday: They drew up-a rota list to maintain a 24-hour a day sir in. A similar sir in was being organized at the Dagenham factory.

The motor industry is unlikely to feel the effects of the dispute for some time.

his 300-seater aircraft before it begins to show signs of break-

manufacturer on the world aerospace scene to build and

support an airbus as big as the

Many of them are still wait-

ing to see what airbuses older-established companies, such as Boeing, will produce in this

Breaking down this attitude is proving to be a long task for M Lathiere and his col-leagues, but they felt that they

had taken a big stride when Eastern, the big United States

domestic airline, announced re-cently that they are to take

two way trade, both export and import." The important point

was to ensure the maintenance

of a positive balance of trade.

Twenty of the past 23 years have produced a positive trade

balance for the United Kingdom

industry. Exports of new and

European airbus could

have Rolls engines

Snags delay start of computer checkouts for supermarket use

suvermærkets.

The code bank, which would allocate product numbers to all the big grocery manufacturers, was due to have started last month. But according to a statement yesterday from the organization behind the pro- As well as facilitating stock ject, the United Kingdom Arti- control and product ordering, cle Number Association, the start has been delayed until

This is a big disappointment to the computer manufac-turers, who were hoping to start selling systems specially developed for use with super-market checkouts this summer. Manufacturers include IBM, which has been demonstrating a supermarket computer sys-tem at the International Association of Chain Stores con-ference in London this week.

Another is MSI Data Cor-poration of California who launched a portable electronic reordering system yesterday, which they said could reduce inventory levels in Britain's multiple stores and shops by over \$1,000m if generally adopted.

Most of the hig supermarket

Technical snags have delayed manufacturers agree on the the computer code number number codes to use on their bank regarded as the key de product labels.

The number system being tion of automatic checkons

Association for British manufacturers will be compatible with that used in 12 European countries and the United States, so that goods imported or exported do not have to be specially relabelled.

a number system common to grocery manufacturers curretailers would speed the use of computer-linked tills at Such equipment checkouts. Such equipment would mean that retailers would mean that retailers could abolish the expensive

and rime consuming price labelling of individual items.

Instead, grocery products would carry a manufacturers bar code on the package which could be electronically adjusted daily, if necessary, to keep pace with price changes But the Article Number Association believes that there is no commercial advantage for supermarkets until about 70

per cent of grocery products
carry the symbol marks.
Mr Stanley Maugham, chairman of the association and
administration director of
Allied Suppliers said vesterday Allied Suppliers said yesterday that "several technical issues" chains, however, are holding needed to be resolved by the back from the full scale use of European equivalent body

ing even for the sponsoring governments, France, West Germany, Holland and Spain. The A300 is the only airliner in its class, and with only two of the new technology engines, is recknned to be quieter than distributors But airlines still remain slightly suspicious of the ability of Al as a relatively new rejected

By Colin Ivermee

Parliamentary Staff The level of High Street prices in the United Kingdom was in part restrained by the degree of efficiency and com-petition in the distributive industry, Mr Fraser, Minister of State at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protec tion, said in the Commons yes

There was a good deal to be thankful for in the way the industry operated, be told mem-bers of the Standing Committee on the Price Commission Bill. They could be proud of the in-

But under the Bill the indus-try was treated less stringently than the manufacturers and did not have to give notification of price increases.

One or two distributors might, however, merit investigation under the Bill. Those handling coffee, tea or cocoa-where prices were rising faster than distributive costs—might have unwarranted margins.

unwarranted margins:

Mr Michael Shersby (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C) said many distributors were concerned that they would bear the brunt of the Bill. However, an Opposi-

5000

3,800

2,339

6,370

.. 31

6,401

(3,182)

3,118

3,034

2,457

36.0p

(577)

(101)

(84)

231

Tory plea for Co-op chief's assurance on stamps

The Co-op, which last year increased its share of national retail trade for the third year running (it now stands at 7.3 per cent), has no intention of giving up his blue dividend stamps. This was made clear yesterday by Mr Arthur Sugden, chief executive of the Co-opera-

wholesale Society.

Mr Sugden, introducing the annual CWS report, predicted that the withdrawal by the Tesco supermarkets group from its Green Shield trading stamp contract might give rise to some contract might give rise to some limited heavy price cutting by its rival. But other retailers would not stand idly by - His feeling was that Green Shield would quickly recover from the loss of its Tesco business and, indeed, would have more flexibility in building up its stamp trade. For its particular standards.

tive use for surplus milk.

In 1976 England produced into 16,000 tons of dried whole few milk powder. This contains the and butterfat, unlike dried skim cities its stamp trade. For its part, the Co-op, which last year remilk, which is the by-product of buttermaking. Surprisingly, turned £35m of retail profits in over a million tons of this are still in intervention storage in the form of stamps, would con-tinue fighting for every bit of tween too much butter, not

trade it could get.
Last year the CWS, main wholesaler and manufacturer to retail co-operatives, recorded gross sales of £1,300m. After subsidies and VAT, the sales amounted to £1,260m, a rise of 15.2 per cent on the previous year. Overall trading profit fell from £15.2m to £14.9m.

Call for £100m credit line for **UK** shipbuilders

Whitehall was urged yester-day to provide £100m in credit facilities to secure shipbuilding orders from developing coun-

Mr Derek Kimber, chairman of Austin & Pickersgill the Wearside shipbuilders, gave warning that the United King-dom was faced with "losing to its foreign competitors unless it allocated funds for promoting shipbuilding orders for Third World countries.

The developing countries of the world, he said, provided an enormous potential for the United Kingdom shipbuilding industry

Price Commission rejects 11 increases

Eleven notifications of price increases from companies in categories I and II were rejected by the Price Commission in April. Six of the rejections were made to coment manufacturers
In seven cases the companies
in question withdrew their In seven cases the companies in question withdrew their applications, and in a further 52 the prices body made reductions in the increases sought. In category III the commission's regional offices secured the agreement of 125 separate enterprises to make price reductions to eliminate excess profits.

Mr Ennals denies breach of faith

Mr Ennels, Secretary of State for Social Services, has demed breaking an undertaking given by the Prime Minister to the Confederation of British Indusconsederation of British Indus-try on the proposed Bill to give unions seats on pension fund boards of trustees. Mr John Methyen the CBPs director general, had accused Mr Emais of breaking faith on the promise of talks with the CBI before the Bill was pub-lished.

lished.

In a letter to Mr Methven,
Mr Ennals said: "Let me
essure you that no decision has yet been taken about the intro-duction of this Bill in this session. The whole question is still under consideration by

Steel strikers ask men laid off for help

Strikers at the British Steel Corporation works at Port Tal Corporation works at Port Tal-bot. South Wales, yesterday, appealed for help from the 6,700 men who have been laid off because of their seven-week-old dispute over pay differen-tials. The strike committee, representing 560 electricians, issued a statement urging those laid off to press for manage. laid off to press for manage ment to start negotiations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drax B: order first and then tackle the restructuring

Sir, Once again the Government is in danger of being drowned in its own "think tank". In autumn, 1976, the Central Policy Review Staff reported on the power plant manufacturing industry. Its major recommendation was that the Government should bring forward the order for the Drax B power station and give a commitment to a steady home-ordering programme for power stations "conditional on acceptance by both management and labour of at least the heads of agreement on mergers and to the speedy implementation of the rationa-

lization programme". This conclusion was fundamentally mis-conceived as far as the two companies—C. A. Parsons Ltd and GEC—in the turboand GEC—in the turbo-generator industry are con-cerned, for four reasons: 1—Creation of a single com-pany is effectively related to the development of a single rechnology. This would take time to develop—perhaps 10 to 20 years—and there is no agree-ment as to whether Parsons's ment as to whether Parsons's technology, which is British based and produces the most efficient turbo-generators in service with the CEGB and the highest rated nuclear turbo-generators in the world, or the.

largely American based, tech-nology used by GEC should be 2—There is an immediate prob-lem of redundancy in the C. A. Parsons plant and in Bab-cock and Wilcox, the boiler makers, who depend on the Drax B order to sustain employment. The CPRS is no doubt right that if world

From the Marquess of Sligo Sir. England is committed to

fair prices for dairy farmers. She is also committed to pur-

chase annually 120,000 tons of

New Zealand butter. Cows and

cowmen are increasingly effi-

cient, margarine is cheaper and for the sedentary, perhaps healthier. There will thus be

There is a correlation be-

enough whole dried milk and the Third World. Last year

England's contribution to the overseas food fund included

600,000 tons of cereals—presumably a book entry. England is a net importer of cereals. For

mins. Neither do they solve the

surplus milk problem.

Milk powder must be recon-

stituted, ie, mixed with water

before use. Polluted, almost non-existent water is itself

often a cause of famines. But pure water supplies are an agreed priority for the Third World and a crash programme of deep well boring and the

from our milk surpluses

From Mr Mike Thomas, MP for demand for generation equip-Newcastle upon Tyne, East ment stays at its present levels (Labour and Co-operative) some slimming down is necessary, but slimming down over four or five years through natural wastage and early retirement is very different from the 1,600 compulsory redundancies which have been announced at Parsons.

3-The delay in ordering the turbo-generator company has received an export order for almost six months. This relates, too, to the technology problem, for overseas customers want to know who is going to build the turbo-generators they order and tured company which they know nothing of (This problem also relates to Drax B which the CEGB are reluctant to have split up between the two tech-nologies of the existing com-

panies.)

4—The "no orders before restructuring" stratagem has never been an effective sanction ested in any restructuring which they do not control, in the knowledge that Parsons' posi- cock & Wilcox now and to then tion, in the absence of the proceed in a calmer atmosphere Drax order, must steadily

This last point, I believe, is what led the Government to contemplate, just before Easter, accepting GEC's terms. When those terms became publicly known, hostile reaction from the trade unions in Parsons, from Northern, Scottish and

but sheer starvation merges into under-nourishment, and a

cities (Calcutta comes to mind) would save thousands of

lives. It would "cost" much-

To fellow members of the EEC England and France often act with cynical disregard for the agricultural ideals of the Treaty of Rome. An Orwellian

concept of equality operates and the powerful are much more equal than others. Here,

surely, is a case for unitateral action by Britain which would

delight European and Third World governments.

problems, this butter business could be most easily solved. None other, tackled along the lines suggested, would benefit so many and irritate so few.
Yours faithfully

less than all those cereals.

miners' Members in the Parliamentary Labour Party and from the trade union movement at large, gave the movement at large, gave the the trade union and about Government cause to

aguiu.

They are now, I understand trying to get the various parties together under the auspices of the National Enterprise Board I have no quarrel with this as Drax power station and the I believe that in the long term Drax power station and the uncertainty over restructuring a restructuring of the stidistry have meant that neither British that fairly protected the interpretation of the stidistry protected the s castle would be in the public interest. But the accent is on the words "long term". Restructuring is bound to take time. Meanwhile, 1,600 families on Tyneside face the prospect are not enthusiastic about dif-ferent parts being built at the likelihood that Babcock & different plants in a restruc-wilcox will need to look at Wilcox will need to look at more redundancies, and then will be no export orders for either company because of the either company because of ma uncertainty. The Government reality should now set aside a "literal interpretation of the "think tank" report before in re- worst prognostications become
has a self-fulfilling prophecy and
crion we get no home orders, no exto encourage mergers as the GEC order book is two years long and it has enabled them to say that they are not interpolated from the control of the control o

tor work with C. A. Parsons and the boiler work with Bab. on the lengthy task of getting a restructuring which will secure the future of the industry and will be acceptable to those who Yours faithfully. MIKE THOMAS,

House of Commons,

Letting the Third World benefit Embarrassment jubilee crowns shipping of milk powder should be undertaken.

From Mr B. M. Thompson Sir, I was interested to learn from your article "Why mint There would be problems of distribution and refrigeration though bulk refrigeration is less costly than might be thought. Capital for dried condition does not always mean a perfect coin" (May 5) that jubilee crowns are being struck at the rate of 600 per minute. milk production plant rather than for butter making would be needed for home As a bank manager, I am embarrassed by my idability to fulfil orders for jubilee crowns more butter mountains unless creameries. Remote famine, she quickly finds an alterna- areas might not be reached, accepted from my customers as long ago as November, 1976; let alone orders received since centres for well boring dried milk close to big then. I understand that the head office of my bank placed a

large_initial order some time ago. They have been receiving weekly supplies, insufficient to fill the initial order, and these supplies have now been reduced and are to be reduced still further very shortly. Supplies received to date have been completely insufficient to meet the demand from branches, and one is left won-dering how it is that certain

supermarkets have apparently been able to obtain unlimited supplies of these coins. As it is, I have the embarrassment of the starving—particularly children
—cereals have nothing like the
advantages of milk, which contains 33 per cent protein and
offen turn, in despair, to them have the embarrassment of the minerals and vita
World governments.

To a non-expert it appears I have the embarrassment of the political if they will be available by Jubilee Day on June 7. Yours faithfully. B. M. THOMPSON.

4 Hook Road, Kingsclere, Newbury,

House of Lords,

Bank opposition to nationalization

From Mr W. E. Gale
Sir, Norman Atkinson, one of the instigators of the Labour Party's bank nationalization plans, complains (May 10) that the banks have entered the political arena by attacking those plans. Had he expected them to hand over their affairs without protest? Does he not appreciate the strength of opposition among bank staff who know, better than any, how fallacious are the nationalizers' arguments?

The banks' customers had better start thinking in terms of a state bank if they want

want the electors to know what is at stake. If, as he says, the electorate is to be called upor to vote for the party offering the best banking system the facts should be laid before the nationalization to come about merely by default—do they?
Yours faithfully, W. E. GALE, General Secretary, Bardays Group Staff

Association, 51 Percymount Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

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1976 — A Year of Recovery Chairman Michael Lewis reports:

... Return to Profitability -Good Progress will continue throughout 1977

Very substantial increase in Profits anticipated -Resumption of Dividends expected...

Increased turnover by 28% Return to profitability after losses in 1975 Particularly strong second half

Net asset value 42p per ordinary share Summary of Group Results £000's

Profit (loss) before tax Attributable Profit (loss) Earnings per ordinary share Net assets per ordinary share Principal Companies in the Group

Printing Broglia Press Ltu. Carlisle Web Offset Ltd. Morrison and Gibb Ltd. Oxley Press (Nottingham) Ltd. Product Support (Graphics) Ltd. William Stevens Publications Ltd.

Platemaking Ace Engraving Ltd. Aldercolour Ltd. Art Reprographic (London) Ltd. Art-Type Ltd. Art-Type Ltd.
Bristol and West Engravers Ltd., Layton-Sun Group Ltd. ...

Sun Litho Ltd.

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used machine tools at current prices from 1968 to 1976 that 1976 would result in an order input from Levland Cars alone of £40m-£50m and were encouraged by "the evident wish of this organization to plan that 1976 would result in an order input from Levland Cars domestic producers of machine tools and importers of foreign of £663.8m.

The MTTA comprises both used machine tools and importers of foreign of £663.8m. The MTTA comprises both totalled £923m against imports 663.8m. tion amendment to exempt dis-Business Diary, page 23 tributors was rejected. C.E.Heath & Co.Limited AND UNDERWRITING AGENTS Preliminary Results for the Year Ending 31st March, 1977 Year to 31 Mar 77 Year to 31 Mar 76 000£ 9003 £000 **Broking** Brokerage 14,934 10,096 Investment Income 1,169 (7,125)Expenses (8,625)Underwriting **Profit Commission** 330 Insurance Company Profits 127 2,682 3.367 Fees and overriding commissions ... Investment income and interest ... 1,234 (1,552)Expenses net of recoveries · .. (1,605)3,567 Other investment income .. 11,454 **Operating Profit** Interest paid ... Other income and expenditure ... 103 Profits before taxation, minority interests and extraordinary item 11,271 (5,065)Minority interests ... Profits before extraordinary item ... Extraordinary item (294)Net profit available for appropriation (1,243)Dividend paid and proposed

The increase in income from our broking operations of 47.9 per cent, and the reduction from 70.6 per cent. to 57.7 per cent. in the expense ratio reflect a substantial addition of new business. On the underwriting side, as expected there was no profit commission from our Lloyd's operations but there was continued growth in Australia and the results show for the first time profits arising from the new insurance companies.

The Board recommends a final dividend which together with the associated tax credit will amount to 14.0p per share on the present issued and fully paid share capital. With the interim dividend paid in January this will make a total distribution for the year, equivalent to a gross dividend of 20.0p per share (1975/76 -

It is expected that the full published Report and Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 10th June. 1977 together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 6th July, 1977. Subject to approval at that meeting, the final dividend will be paid on 7th July, 1977 to Shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977.

The Directors are also recommending a capitalisation issue of two new shares for every one share held by Shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977. _ F. R. D. HOLLAND, Chairman

Copies of the full accounts will be obtainable on 10th June, 1977 from the Secretary, C. E. Hesth & Ca. Limited.
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Whitbread improves its margins

With no signs as yet of the lorious summer which benelorious summer which beneited the past two years' results,
clining disposable income and
Price Commission inquiry
reasing margin worries, it is
eing left to improving operalonal efficiency and gains in
harket share to provide argu-

nents for the sector.

"" whithread's 24 per cent

cond half profits improvenent before exchange losses;

"I known much lower than the on the summer worths, was achieved while its working, thanks to its Longon strike, declined slightly, and with the industry as a hole now facing declining tles. Whithread looks better laced than the other majors. Larger sales so far have not iffered either from the bad eather or tracking down to leaper beers and Whisbread, ith its strong Heineken brand ands to gain market share ands to gain market share hile its improving operational ficiency should give it the lige over the other big lager oup, Bass Charrington.
The problem is that although

hitbresd's potential for im-oving margins, as a result of s laser integration, may be reater than the other majors, a presence of the Price Commission inquiry could limit its In this respect, the arguments

in this respect, the arguments wined from its increasing capill spending, rising from £47m st year, when there appears have been a positive cash ow, to £55m, are extremely rtuitous. But while White-ead itself looks to have demoire qualities this increase. nsive qualities, this is not a sensive market and although s 6.7 per cent yield at 81p is line with the sector, the rat-3 of the sector against the arket as a whole may not yet scount all the worries. apitalization £182m vles £518.5m (£441.6m)

re-tax profits £42.5m (£30.7m) arnings per share 8.21p (6.08p); ividend gross 5.42p (4.93p)

urness Withy

Eurocanadian's overhang

here had been some prenty eavy estimates of Furness lithy's performance last year oing around the City—themp appears to have been an icredible £30m pre-tax—so lat a mere 60 per cent increase to £22.6m inevitably led some disappointment among some disappointment a meng e super-optimists. The shares sterday dropped 12p to 281p th publication of the results. Part of the bulkshness may ve reflected the figures protected by P & O and Ocean ansport, but there are fundsental differences between the oups, and the results were well in line with some me more sober estimates, owing £1.27m of compensain for the cancellation of a OCL performed strongly last

ar and accounted for some per cent of the near dombled sociates, pre-tax profit of 2m. The group's share in 11. will rise from 13.4 per t to 16 per cent from the

ase in turnover (excluding amium income from Econoslightly more trade and ner tariffs and sterldepreciation. Sterling's preciation also led to extra-

linary debits on overseas ssenger shipping meant that 75's f2m losses from this The uncertainty surrounding



Mr Alex Bennett, chairman of Whitbread, facing declining

the shares is, of course, the overhang of Eurocanadian's 20 per cent stake, which it has per cent state, which it has promised to cut to no more than 10 per cent. When and how it will do it is the key question although both Trafal-gar Hoose and Ocean Transport are tipped in the City as pos-sible buyers as a preside to a

sible buyers as a presente to a bid.

The shares are well supported on a p/e ratio of 5, although the 4 per cent yield is a percental problem. Although likely to be subject to shorterm weakness, the shares should soon recover.

Final: 1976 1975.

Capitalization E75.3m.

Final: 1975 1975 Capitalization £75.3m. Sales £168.4m (£154.1m) Pre-tax profits £22.6m (£14.1m) Earnings per share 55.67p (32.83p*)

Dividend gross 11.3p (10.2p) * Adjusted.

Borthwick Russian

Thomas Borthwick claims volume rather than inflation was a major factor behind the 17 per cent gain in both sales and pre-tax profits at the linerim stage, and it seems the emergence of strong Russian buying as a result of the decimation of Soviet herds in drought conditions has so far more than compensated for some price weakness particularly in the United States markers.

larly in the United States markers.

Bordwick however, goes not claim that the soing is anything other than fouch as far as the rest of the world is concerned. Restratus on United States imports continue while the Ispanise beef marker is still nercely defended by quous. Added to that Bordwick is of course Inding EEC imports but of the United Kingdom heavily discouraged by the Green Pound level while imports from third world imports from third world countries are mainly prevented by Brussels.

-Russian -- contracts - which Borthwick claims have completely changed the structure of the world ment markets are likely to be a factor for at least the next two years while Russian herds are still being built up again.

But, given the other factors.

Borthwick seems unlikely to maintain the pace in the second aland liner trade.

The shipping marker was not be much more than film pressed last year—a feature above last years f8.1m. Meanich has continued into this while, if Borthwick has any r—and the 14 per cent in intention of taking advantage and price in turnover (excluding the second two years as a public compeny ir has not indicated it at the

trade and interim stage.

If the group is still on the stage of the group will present that debacle the group will presumably be proceeding with the utmost caution on this from the group is still on the group is

remains at least a possible bid contender a prospect which should ensure that the shares, off 2p at 95p yesterday, are fairly solidly underpinned ground this level.

http://doi.org/10.1007/10. Capitalization £33m Sales £162m (£128m) Pre-tax profits £5.1m (£4.03m) Dividend gross 3.69p (--).

Cavenham

Unanswered questions

The pension funds are already showing signs of jibbing at the terms of Sir James Goldsmith's partial bid for Cavenham. A sounding among insurance company shareholders suggests that if they are not yet actively taking up the cudgels, they share the pension funds reservations fully.

Everyone was expecting and wanting a simple, straightforward cash deal for the outstanding 49 per cent of Cavenham and would have taken 155p—or even less—readily. The City, which marked the shares down by 9p to 134p yesterday, was evidently unimpressed by the income compensation for remaining shareholders in the form of a preference scrip issue, and had little short of derision for the claim that many shareholders wanted to stay with the commany. shareholders wanted to stay

with the company.

Yet there is also a widespread feeling that, when it comes to it, shareholders may not have much choice. Unsatisfactory or much choice. Unsaistactory or not, the offer may be the best they will get and may be better than no offer at all—although in real terms it is probably only worth the 140p Sir James was prepared to concede originally. So there is a real chance of collective shoulder shrugging by shareholders and reluctant acceptance.
That will still leave all the

That will still leave all the old questions unanswered, however. With Générale Occidentale as a 51 per cent shareholder the position of the minority already looked exposed. If the new deal goes through it will be even more so. And what of Sir James's public admissions that he has no desire to continue running a publicly quoted company? publicly quoted company?
Will he come back later fo

another bite of the apple when he has more funds at his disposal? The present solution looks to be only half a solution, and those shareholders who can afford it—the institutions—ought not to go down without registering the point

Floating .The authorities may have

been concerned that the announcement of a variable rate gilt might upset seutiment in the gilt market, but there was certainly precious little evi-dence of market nervousness yesterday. Indeed, the thought that there could now be some weeks before the market is offered a fresh bite of conven tional stock sent an already firm, if rather thin, market sharply higher, leaving the FT Government Securities Index at a fresh "high" for the year at While prices pushed higher,

there was, of course, pleuty o

speculation on the likely nature of the "floater" and the technical problems still to be re-solved. What most of this tended to prove, however, was quite simply that this really is very much of an experiment both for issuer and potential thought is that there are un-likely to be many of the latter, creating a situation that would not entirely surprise the former.

the mass of fascinated Lonrho watchers. Its supporters see an international commercial jigsaw being slotted into place as the marketing muscle of Lon-bid succeeds bid. Its critics hark rho's operations in 59 countries back to Mr Edward Heath's and its close associations with damning "unacceptable face of capitalism" tag and view Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's rhino charge management style with deep suspicion.

Yesterday's 524.8m agreed bid for AVP Industries, taking Lon-tho's investments in British companies since late 1975 to around £100m, highlights this clear division in the City's opinion of the group.

At 130p a share, Lonrho's offer is well above AVP's best market price ever. AVP's management and financial advisers recommend the deal, and there is ample commercial logic in the takeover for those willing to see it. The hotels fit in with Lon-

rho's existing hotel chain over-seas, and with occupancy rates of over 90 per cent last year.

Lonrho still an enigma to the City

There is no middle ground for AVP's hotels in London and Eirmingham are sound assets. The group's air-conditioning business can only benefit from air-conditioning in the Middle

The office furniture com-panies of AVP fit with the light engineering side of Lourie's Firststeel subsidiary and into the group's international mar-keting network. What could be more logical?

And yet, such is the City's suspicion of Loarho that in discussing the merger with several institutional managers vesterday one of the prime reactions was that Mr Rowland himself still constituted an impediment in the way of improving the group's image. This view is as troically contradictory as most bout Lonrho ia that it is directly opposite to the more usual long-term worries about management succession within

John Brennan

The prejudice against Lonrho rimed institutional support for the shares early in 1975. At that time the Rowland mystique became temporarily fashionable. institutional support in the 130p to 150p range only to slump back to the low 70s in a matter of weeks. Fund mana-gers who had grudgingly admitted that Lonrho might after all make sense burnt their fingers in the price slide and appear to have steered well As a City outcast, Lonrho's shares, at 78p dawn 3p yesterday, stand on a deeply cautious rating and offer untypically high income following last monto's \$12m rights issue.

Having won at least temporary exemption from United

prospective income of the shares is limited only by group policy. Although the exemption is unlikely to be extended beyond the current financial year when the Treasury looks again at a balance of Eritish again at a bilance of british to overseas assets which the AVP. Dunford & Elliott, London City & Westcliffe, Brentford Nylon and Suits acquisitions has swung signifi-cantly towards the United

Kingdom. On the face of it the institutions' reservations about the group, although understandable, are difficult to justify. It could. and it has been said that with assets of over £400m, a turn-over well over £1,000m, and of 100,000 cattle through wines and spirit sales, motor distribution, mining to property and steel, virtually any acquisition can be made to appear to have commercial logic.

And yet the success Lonrho's diversification gramme over the past decade

Kingdom dividend controls, the could not be more shown than by the shares' reaction to yesterday's news. Setting aside the AVP bid, yesterday's news carried the

final confirmation rbat Zambia is at war with Rhoderia. Ten years ago that statement would have crippled the shares. Yesterday they shrugged off the

Even Lonrho's most ardent critics will contede that by geographically spreading the risk, the group has been able to trade successfully within the politically sensitive areas of Africa and the Middle East.

Worries about carnings dilution as a result of the aggressive acquisitions proeramme have been coimed by the use of cash ruther than paper in recent bids and by the relatively modest scale of its recent rights issue. But that said, investment fashion is an unpredictable thing and in this case fashion is of more importance than any fundamental

Peter Hill on the international shipbuilders' struggle to stay in business

Sailing away from reality on a sea of subsidies

For most of last week the minds of some of the most influen-tial figures in the maritime world were concentrated on the problems of shipping and ship-building. The visitors and par-nicipants to the bi-annual Nor-Shipping conference and exhibition in Oslo had much to worry about, and there was much talk of the dangers of a proliferation of state subsidy schemes aimed at protecting jobs in ailing shipyards and bailing out companies which, if market venues alone were to

operate, would disappear.

It was a familiar theme, delivered by some leading industry figures with almost evangelical fervour. But despite the
fine words, the carefully argued speeches, and the barrage of un-palatable statistics, little pro-gress has been made in Europe towards a harmonized policy for shipping and shipbuilding. At the international level,

talks between Europe and Japan on the world crisis in shipbuildon the world triss in salphuling, and the need to agree on a mutually acceptable policy of rationalization, have predictably become borned down in the minutiae of proposals and counter proposals The arguments and the criminations continue and the

proliferation of state aid schemes continue unchecked. As visitors to Oslo's Sjolyst Centre filed through the turnstiles on the penultimate day of the event, across the water in Copenhagen Mr Ivar Noer-gaard, the Donish Trade Minis-ter, promised that his Govern-ment would provide sufficient financial support to Danish yards to match credit and fin-ancing terms which were being offered by their foreign com-Mr Noergaard added that his

Government had also decided to speed up the construction of ships for the state including fishery inspection vessels, ferries, naval vessels and ships for trade with Greenland. Danish yards have until now been among the least cossetted yards in the world with no state sub-sides available, but clearly this will change in the next few weeks, although so far the Danish Government has to spell out the scope and scale of the

Denmark, together with West Germany, has been the most consistent proponent of the need for a Community-wide policy and the fact that the Danes have now decided to join the rush towards support schemes is perhaps an indica-tion of the frustration at the lack of progress made towards an EEC-wide scheme.

shipbuilding ' throughout the world is double that required to meet the anticipated demand for new snips over the next few years. four years is likely to be about 12 million to 13 million tons gross annually, representing about one third of world shipbuilding output last year.

It is against this depressing and worrying background that the governments of traditional shipbuilding countries are in-volved in a desperate race to secure orders, to protect em-ployment, and to ensure the survival of companies. Few nations have yet been as bold as Sweden, which has linked its aid policy for shipbuilding directly to a rationalization of Swedish industry over the next five years.

Sweden is planning to inject 20,000m kronor in state credit guarantees and grants to re-shape the industry and about half of this sum will be spent on financing of ships built on a speculative basis. But the ouid one shippard the shedding of 6.000 workers employed directly by the industry, 1,000 sub-con-tractors' employees and between 2.000 and 4,000 workers em ployed by companies supplying the shipyards. Norway has adopted a rather

different policy (much to the chagrin of its competitors) and small team of officials has been spearheading an attack on the countries of the Third World offering competitive credit terms to secure orders. Very liberal terms of credit involving 90 per cent of the 15 years at 5 per cent have pro this month, Norway signed a credit agreement providing £70m to Egypt and an official from the Suez Canal Authority was among those being feter and entertained in Oslo las

Other Norwegian yards have captured some spectacular deals with developing countries, in-cluding a £44-5m package with a group of Singapore companies for products carriers and a £51m deal for three chemical carriers for Malaysia. And talks are continuing between Nor-way's Aker Group and the Philippines for a series of orders for container ships for the Filipino state shipping

company.

Germany's shipowners are now able to take advantage of grants up to 17.5 per cent of the construction price together with extended credit terms, while the German Government. while the German Government

Third World and Eastern Europe could pose the biggest threat

is also offering assistance to developing countries. Ship-owners in Holland are being encouraged to invest in new ships by building at home by making use of investment premiums on new ships. In the United Kingdom there

has been much toing and froing by members of the organizing committee for British Ship-builders, the state corporation due to be vested on July 1. In prospect is the £130m plum being presented by Poland for the construction of 22 ships in the United Kingdom. The organizing committee should know the best (or the worst) before the end of June. Considerable nervous energy is being ex-pended on the outcome of talks with the Nigerian Government over a 19-ship order for that country's state shipping line.

will be used to clinch the deals remains to be seen.
japan's snipbuilders continue

to dominate the world market, although they too have their problems. Top industry leaders are still affirming Japan's objective of the still affirming the still affirm the still jective of scooping up 50 per cent of available orders worldwide, but doubting whether they will manage it this year. The Japanese believe they have already taken reasonable steps not shared by the crisis (a view not shared by the EEC) and the indications are that at the next meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's shipbuilding and the person of the organization for Economic Shipbuilding and the organization party in Person party i working party in Paris next month the Japanese will be seeking detailed answers to their pointed questions on the increase in subsidy schemes

increase in subsidy schemes throughout Europe.
But subsidies, while temporary, have a habit of becoming permanent features of the shipbuilding landscape. As Mr Otto Norland, executive director of Hambros Bank, noted in Oslo, the ramifications of subsidized building are wide indeed. building are wide indeed.

"If a ship which costs \$25m to build, allowing for depreciation and no profit, is sold for \$15m with 70 per cent credit over seven years, the direct subsidized loss of \$10m may

new ship built on uncommercial terms and for which there is no genuine demand, the return to a reasonably balanced supply and demand position in shipping is deferred a little langer and the cost to governments of continuing to support sur-plus shipperds is increased."

Given the sensitivities of governments over the need to protect jobs in a traditional industry many yards in Europe are located in areas of high unemployment—the temptation to
opt for protection through subsidy is irresistible. The prospects for any short-term Conmunity policy for the shipping
and shipbuilding industries is
remore, while the dialogue between Europe and Japan under
the umbrella of OFCD on
market sharing are likely to are located in areas of high unmarket sharing are likely to prove long and arduous. Perhaps the biggest tresat to

the sure val of the traditional shipbuilding redustries of the world is cosed by those indu-tries built up by countries in Eastern Europe and in the Third World—particularly in South Korea. Priwan and routh Americal which are outside the A bipartisan policy teven if

it can be agreed; with be seriously understood without subsidized loss of \$10m may not be an important factor in itself compared with alternative ad hac solutions for the shipyard in question. But what appears to be of little importance in each individual case quickly compaunds into a series of consequences, which have a major impact on ship values, shipbuilding prospects and finance, he said.

Year ended

International meat traders and processors

Interim Report for the six months ended 31st March, 1977

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months to 31st March, 1977 are shown below, together with those for the first six months of the previous financial year and for the year ended 30th September, 1976. The Board has declared an interim dividend of 2.4p per Ordinary share to be paid on 8th July, 1977 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977.

Six months

Six months

_3	ended 31st March, 1977	ended 31st March, 1976	30th September, 1976
_	£000	£000	£000
External sales	162,000	128,000	292,000
Profit before taxation	n 5,100	4,029	- 8,082
Taxation	2,686	2,227	4,284
Profit after taxation	2,414	1,802	3,798
Minority interests	(9)	(7)	(9)
Extraordinary items* Profit attributable to	(224)	16	421
Ordinary sharehold	iers 2,181	1,811	4,210
Dividends	841	99	1,430
Profit retained	1,340	1,712	2,780

Extraordinary items for the six months ended 31st March, 1977 and 31st March, 1976 consist of exchange profits (losses) on tra

The results for the half-year are quite satisfactory and have been achieved despite difficulties in some principal international meat markets. For example, Government restraints on imports into the United States continue, and the expansion of the Japanese beef market is being hindered through Government-imposed quotas. Imports into other E.E.C. countries from the U.K. are discouraged by the current Green Pound level, and imports from Third Countries were largely prevented by Brussels.

Changes in world currencies have occurred on some scale, including formal devaluations of the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar, a weakening recently of the U.S. dollar and, happily, some measure of stabilisation of sterling. Anticipatory measures were taken in advance of these changes and the Group's profits were well safeguarded.

The acquisition of Midland Cattle Products in November, 1976, is proving a happy marriage, and the Company is being smoothly and profitably integrated with the Group. The objective of broadening the base of our activities is being pursued in the confident

knowledge that we are operating in a world-wide growth industry. Subject to events beyond our control, it is our present view that satisfactory results

will be achieved for the full year.

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Business Diary: Gulliver's travels • Vaughan for MTTA

mes Gulliver reemerged as a not necessarily mean that he is ck market figure yesterday moving our of the food scene en his private company. The company mill recently had mes Gulliver Associates, an freezer interests mined the purchase of a 15 Gulliver, who will become cent stake and an option chairman and effective head of almost as much more of the the company may well take bie glazing firm. Alpine the company back into food dings.

His stake cost about 5300.000 lliver since he gave up run over the next few years.
g Associated British Foods' e Fare supermarket division

e Fare supermarket division
go it alone. He subsequently
a cash and carry operation,
el Foods, which was later
i to RCA for £10.9m.

We tried to buy it back, can expect some sparks during
told Business Diary yester. Vaughan, elected yesterday
but with the pound drop as president of the Machine
g against the dollar we Tool Trades Association,
ldn't meet the asking price. Vaughan, who runs his own
said that he thought RCA machine tool business in Notbut now he ready to sell and rupehem and Shrewsbury, says



has been heard of and could involve another £1m

said that he thought RCA marine tool business in Notht now be ready to sell and imphem and Shrewsbury, says
was still interested. that managers are frightened by
he move into Aloine does
"a hyper-political and destrucrive clique" of "clever, faceless men" in the unions who
are against anything that—in
Vaughan's book — spells pro-

Unlike his predecessor, George Trowbridge, Vaughan clearly intends to be controver-sial. One of his aims is to state forcibly that his industry is "basic to the industrial wealth creating sector of our nation" He adds: "I may be a know-all but machine tool men are in a priviledged position. Decisions to buy capital equip-ment are made by top manage. ment, not buyers, and that gives us access to the boardroom of many companies. I reckon we know more about British Ley-land than the National Enter-prise Board.



Bill Vaughan: progress chaser.

an apprentice at Alfred Herbert in Coventry. Now he intends to lead the association's 180 member companies in a new drive to establish the industry as "an The recent gloom in the in-

dustry is giving way to some wary optimism and Vaughan believes that machine tool men must now concentrate on salesmanship as much as technical cleverness.

He is full of praise for the efforts of the Department of

industry and the National Economic Development Office in assisting the machine tool companies but reiterates the industry's fierce opposition to nationalization. Recently, leading MTTA officials met Conservarive MPs and told them that should they win the next help was expected:

The changing of the guard takes place today at Assolom-Vaughan, who is 52, joined takes place today at Assolom-the industry when he was 14 as barda, the conservative private industrialists' association Lombardy, and most influen-tial of the regional associations grouped in Contindustria, the grouped in Continuusina, Italian equivalent of the CBL Giuseppe Pellicano, the 60year-old managing director of Tecnomasio Italiano Brown

Boveri, steps down from the presidency after six years in office (the maximum allowed). He will deliver his final address to the annual assembly in Milan, heard by Gaetano ammati, Minister of the reasury, and Guido Carlo. Treasury, president of Confindustria.

The 600 delegates representing 5,000 companies many of them small family firms from the cradle of the Italian indusmial revolution-have only one name to approve as Pellicano's successor. This is Alberto Redaelli, head of Guiseppe E Fratello Redaelli, a family firm founded in 1819. It employs nearly 3,000 workers making special steels, in the north and in Naples.

Standing Pat

sometime deputy chairman and managing director of the row week

tors offering themselves for re-election. Another is Sir Robert Mark, the retired Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

ceived about £57,000 compensation for the loss of a service contract which had about three years to run.

The chairman of the Phoenix, the Viscount De L'Isle, was also chairman of FNFC during Matthews heyday. FNFC it-

self is now chaired by the establishment banker John Glyn, chairman of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. Opposition to Matthews re-election at Phoenix does not seem likely from the assurance company's big United Kingdom shareholder, Friends Provident

spokesman said: "We

would not normally get in-volved in Phoenix's decisions on

Life Office.

the appointment of directors. Our chairman (Edwin Phillips) is on the Phoenix board and should like to leave it at that. The other big shareholder in the Phoenix is an American insurance group, Continental Cor-poration of New York, owners f Diners Club. There was no body available for comment at Continental when we rang yesterday. Perhaps they were out to lunch.

Par Matthews, the founder and John Wells of the Bedford

stricken secondary bank, First National Finance Corporation, is to seek reelection to the board of the huge Phoenix Assurance Corporation tomor-Matthews is one of five direc-

The former FNFC man resigned his posts in October, 1975, and earlier this year re-

family brewers Charles Wells. may have overlooked a marketmatches?". Wells replied: "Hadn't thought of that".

ing wheeze. When he announced in London yesterday that the company was to brew Red Stripe, a Jamaican lager, some wag piped up: "Is there any truth in the rumour that the cans are being fitted with rubber ends for use at cricket



Three months'results

Interim Statement

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1977, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1976, which are restated at 31st December 1976 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1976.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full

	to 31.3.77 Estimate	3 mouths to 31.3.76 Estimate E millions	Actual
Net written premiums— General Business	178.3	154.8	620.3
Investment Income	18.3	12.5	60.0
Underwriting Results— General Business Long Term Insurance Profits	(6.9) 0.5	(11.5) 0.5	(17.6) 1.9
	11.9 0.4	1.5 0.4	44.3 1.7
Loan and Bank Interest Profit before tax and Minority Interests	11,5	1.1	42.6
Principal Exchange rates used in converting		_=	
overseas results : U.S.A	\$1.72 \$1.82	\$1.70 \$1.71	\$1.70 \$1.71
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Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 15.2% and 46.2% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations the increases were 16.5% and 47.8 respectively.

There was an underwriting loss in the United Kingdom of £3.5 million (1976, £3.6 million) of which £2.4 million was incurred in the Motor account where there was a sharp increase in claims incidence arising from the severe weather conditions. The Homeowners account, where some corrective measures have already been introduced, also produced an unsatisfactory result.

In the United States net written premiums were \$127.3 million (1976, \$112.9 million) and the operating ratio was 104.83% as compared with 110.72% for the same period in 1976. The Automobile, Property and Liability departments were all substantial contributors to the underwriting losses which aggregated to £4.1 million (1976, £6.9 million).

Satisfactory underwriting results were achieved in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil but there were substantial losses in Europe and, although improved as compared with the similar period in 1976, the South African results were also disappointing.

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR EN	VDING 31s	t DECE	MBER
	1976	1975	•
	£000's	£000's	
Turnover	9,224	5,594	. '
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Operating profit	•		
Insurance	1,864	834	
Other	194	165	
Omer	2,058	999	
	2,000	000	
Group overheads	323	235	
	1,735	764	•
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Share of profits of			
associated company	_	103	
_			
Profit before taxation and		007	
extraordinary items	1,735	867	
Taxation	<u>697</u>	383	•
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Profit after taxation and	1,038	484	
before extraordinary items		491	
Extraordinary items	<u> 185</u>	491	
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Profit (Loss) after taxation and extraordinary items	853	. (7)	
Transfer of non-revenue reserves	129	336	
Transier of Mon-Levenine reserves			•
Profit available for distribution	932	329	
Dividends on shares	322	258	
Net profit retained	660	71	
wer brown remmen	000		
Earnings per share	•	•	
Racio	12 15n	6.34p	

The Directors recommend payment of a final dividend of 1.88284p per share on the 8th June, 1977. These dividends, together with the related tax credit, amount to 5.79335p per share for the year and compare with 5.2664p per share for 1975.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Dept. T1, 20-21 Red Lion Court, EC4A 3ED.

Stock markets

Floating rate bond encourages long gilts

especially at the long end, was being. But a majority feel it the decision to launch an experimental floating-rate bond at could well reach 500 before the the end of the month. The fact that the issue will only be of £400m, a figure rather below expectations, was a particular stimulant and long dates re-sponded with rises of between one and 11 points.

What the market is looking for from Ranks Hovis McDougall is a strong second half boosted by overseas acquisitions, and total profits 10 per cent better than last year's £41.9m. Dealers will be well satisfied if intoring motific due today. interim profits, due today, match the £19.9m earned last time in a particularly strong period for the bakery business. The shares held steady at

"Shorts", looking for still lower interest rates, closed with gains of up to one half.

As on Monday, equities went into reverse after the first two hours as profits were taken. There was renewed support But this time there was little for J. Bibby, up 7p to 141p, or no late interest and the FT while Hays Wharf closed 5p

With equities ultimately making little headway after a firm start, it was the turn of gilts to take the limelight even though demand was never more than moderate.

The key to some strong gains, especially at the long end was properly feel in the long of the institutions consider their port-folios have the correct balance

f equities to gilts. Though the general run of trading was uninspired, a good range of speculative and take-over stocks continued to enliven

over stocks continued to emiyen
the proceedings.

AVP, suspended on Monday
pending a takeover announcement, quickly shot up 36p to a
point below agreed terms of
130p from Londo, but an offer
of 50p from Clyde Petroleum
was quickly turned down by
Lyon & Lyon which ended 13p
to the good at 57p. to the good at 57p.

News of an approach, again not identified, was good for a rise of 7p to 26p for Wolverhampton Die while some disappointment at the fresh minority terms from Connection Occident

terms from Generale Occiden-tale had Cavenham 9p down from their suspension price at 134p. News of James Golliver share purchases had Alpine Holdings lower by 3p to 28p.

ahead at 169p in the hope of higher terms from Ocean Transport.

Special control of the surprise of special control of some, French Kier loss in Reyrolle Parsons reacted a further form and the surprise of some, French Kier loss in Reyrolle Parsons reacted a further form and the surprise of some of som

Speculative support went into Sharna Ware, firmer by 100 to 650 and Invergordon 60 to 62p and for a similar reason Beaver-

Latest dividends

controversy. In engineers, two to benefit from favourable comment were John Brown 5p to 197p and Simon, which rose 2 similar amount to 197p.

brook "A" touched 6lp at one point only to close at an unchanged 56p. Another good spot in papers was United Newspapers which, finished with a rise of 7p to 275p.

The dividend forecast which accompanied a £5.6m rights ment were finished. The siling that cheaper money will give a lift to the ailing construction industry, issues like Tarmac 5p to 183p, Redland 4p to 118p and Laing "A" ap to 101p performed compara-

Reyrolle Parsons reacted a lat-ther 8p to 193p on the Drax not generally displease, ther 8p to 193p on the Drax not generally displease.

In the mining sector, Rap, rose 55p to 675p after news of

Allied Retailers cased lp to 12-p, not on any fears about trading which is some supremely well but on thought that an issue of new shares at a discount of cround 10 per cent could be on the way note month However, that in wing could open the way for a nearly doubled dividend, which would be a tonic for a present yield of only 62 per cent.

an oil find and Woodside Burmah 69 to 87p moved in sympathy.
Disappointing first quarter figures from General Accide Tigures from General Accident left the shares 9p lower in 191p, but broker CE Heath and 191p, but broker CE Heath and 191p, but broker CE Heath and 250p after figure and a scrip. Another broker and a scrip. Another broker and a scrip. Another broker and 250p. C Equity turnover on May 16 see 276.16m (22,0%) bargainer According to Exchange Telegraph, active stacks vertex desired. graph, active stacks vesterday were ICI, P & O, BAT Did BP, Piessey, BAT Ind. Rank, Shell, GEC, Glynwed, Commer-cial Union, Hay's Wharf, Laur-ence Scott Empire Secret Laurence Scott, Empire Stores, Lyon and Lyon and Invergordon.

Hartwells' peak, Perry | Fidelity up and Wadham cheerful 33 pc still

By Victor Felstead Cheerful announcements were

More-than-doubled figures in the second half-year enabled Oxford-based Hartwells to return pre-tax profits 61.8 per cent up at a record £1.23m for the year to February 28.

The rise in turnover was only just over half of the profit increase, being 31.7 per cent to £62.99m. The final dividend gross, is being raised from 3.95p to 4.5p, lifting total from 5.5p to 6.05p. If the standard rate of

to c.usp. It the standard rate or.
tax is amended to 33 per cent
before July 24, the final will be
increased to 4.64p gross.
For the three years before
1976-77, Hartwells' record was
unexciting. Indeed, Mr F. S.
Huggins, chairman, comments that profits in this period "vir-tually stagnated". He explains that the rise in turnover last

Cheerful announcements were released yesterday by three big car dealers.

The Hartwells Group produced best-ever profits, with the chairmen of Wadham Stringer and Harold Perry Motors are both optimistic following large profit rises in 1976.

More than doubled figures in lot deneads an the controlling and the controlling large and the controlling and the controlling. lot depends on the controlling of inflation and improvements

in the economic situation coupled with satisfactory deliveries from Hartwells' manufacturers and suppliers. . At Wadham Stringer, Leyland and Rolls-Royce dealers, the chairman, Mr F. C. Stringer, tells shareholders that the company made considerable progress in 1976 and that this

continues. The first-quarter's continues. The first-quarter's results exceed the similar figures of a year ago
Mr J. F. MacGregor, the Harold Perry chairman, reports first-quarter pre-tax profits of £606,000—an increase of 45 per cent on 1976. He is encouraged by the substantial orders in hand and the group's confident view of the opportunities in the immediate future. This

year was achieved in spite of a in the immediate future. This poor supply of new vehicles, in year is expected to be better relation to order held, which than last.

going strong

The recovery of Fidelity Radio continues with a "satisfactory" level of trading being achieved in difficult economic conditions. True the group did not manage to reach the record £2.2m pre-tax profit achieved in 1974, but there was an advance of 33 per cent to £1.75m for the year to March 31. Of this £1.2m was brought in during the second, and usually more profitable half, a jump of 43 per cent. able hais, a jump or 43 per cent.

Sales for the year went up
36 per cent to £17.8m, with the
credit going to a better market
penetration both at home and
abroad. Mr Jack Dickman, chairman of this audio equipment
group says that this was
achieved by improved efficiency
and economy without sacrificing
margins.

Sales in the United Kingdom rose 35 per cent to £15.3m, while exports were 49 per cent up at £2.4m. On net profits up from £634,000 to £836,000, the dividend is raised from 6.49p to 7.14p gross. Earnings a share are 9.89p compared with 7.49p. Az half time, when profits went up 11 per cent to 512,060 Mr Dickman said that the second-half would benefit from price increases and the intro-duction of new lines,

Company (and par value) (and p Empire stores raising £5.6m by rights issue

By Our Financial Staff
A big cash-raising operation
—coupled with the forecast of

a large dividend increase is announced by Empire Stores (Bradford), the mail order group where Mr C. T. Wells is theirman.

Empire proposes to raise about £5.67m (after expenses) by the issue of 5.44m ordinary 25p shares by way of a rights on a one-for-four basis at 108p per share. This represents a discount of 35p on yesterday's close of 143p, a rise of 8p. The new shares will not rank for the final dividend for the year to January 29.

to January 29.

Barclays Merchant Bank has underwritten the issue.

The directors intend to re-

commend a total gross dividend for the current year of 7.31p on the bigger capital. This is an increase of 42.7 per cent on

The Treasury has agreed to the higher dividend in the context of the issue. Dealings are expected to start next Monday. At this stage, the board finds it too early to make a profit forecast, but in view of the encouraging trading results to date, it believes the group will have another successful year. In 1976-77, pre-tax profits rose by 27 per cent to £5.43m on sales 31 per cent higher at

£77.43m. Empire's board believes that



Mr C. T. Wells, chairman of Empire Stores.

cient to meet its correct rethat the longer-term planned expansion of the group's busi-ness should be financed on a

It decided that this can be best achieved by increasing the ordinary capital which will also strengthen the capital bese of the group and maintain a "pru-dent relationship" between borrowings and shareholders' funds. Initially, the proceeds will be used to repay bank

Accident opening quarter

By Ashley Druker
Though first-quarter results are obviously not a reliable indication of the full-year outcome, hopes of General Accident of making a United Kingdom profit in 1977 received something of a setback. This was chiefly because of a big loss in the montr account while loss in the motor account while performed badly. This also applied in the same sectors to the United States. But apart from Europe and South Africa, other countries improved on the same period in 1976.

Net written premiums in reased in sterling terms 15.2 per cent to £178.3m and investment income by 46.2 per cent to £18.3m in the three months to March 31. Adjusted to exclude the effect of currency fluctuations the respective increases were 16.5 and 47.3 per cent. The United Kingdom showed an underwriting loss of 53.5m (against £3.6m) of

which some £2.4m was incurred in the motor account. Here there was a sharp increase in claims incidence from bad weather conditions. Homeowners, where corrective measures have been taken, also turned in tax profit for the quarter comes out at £11.5m against £1.1m, and against £42.6m for the whole of 1976.

In the United States net writ-ten premiums rose from \$112.9m to \$127.3m with an operating ratio of 104.83 compared with 110.72 per cent. Automobile property and liability were all "substantial" contributors to the underwriting losses, totaling £4.1m against £6.9m.

A more cheerful allo comes

A more cheerful tale comes from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil where sarisfactory underwriting results were achieved. But Europe showed big losses, and South Africa, though improved, was

A hat trick of Textile cheer led by Bulmer and Lumb

By Our Financial Staff Per a big increase in business through hitherto idle plant and you get a bound in profits. Once again textile groups are pedalling up the cycle of one sumo and boom.

The heavyweight yesterday per cent.

and Bulmer may top up if ACT The dividend stays at 1.13p drops. Mr G. M. Warry, chairman, reports that this year's profits should be at least as big as those now reported. They ended the year 132 per cent ahead; at half time the increase was 130

The financial year of Hield

though gross earnings were only notional and the board reports good orders and fatter margins. Exports last year accounted for 65 per cent of output.

Leeds and District Dyers and Finishers is in the commission processing of textiles and the was worsted spinner, Bulmer and Lumb (Holdings) which swept pre-tax profits up from the similarity ends. Hield rethe financial year of Hield processing of textiles and the sale of yarn. Leeds started it climb the cycle early, more than the similarity ends. Hield rethe similarity ends. Hield recovered later than Bulmer but year to last September. In the weeks to April 3. Tarnover the group moved from a six months to March 31 it were the group moved from a six months to March 31 it were the group moved from a six months to March 31 it were not foss of £145,000 in the on to hoist them by 77 per cent first six months to pre-tax to £509,625. This was however profits of £68,255 for the "exceptional" and the secont full year. This was good, half year includes the holidays the 428p. The final is 2.27p gross, to 4.28p. The final is 2.27p gross,

Margins the criteria, say Seccombe

By Adrienne Gleeson

Results from the discount ouse Seccombe Marshall & Campion for the year to end-April mirror the pattern shown by others in the sector. Good capital profits in the second half make up for a setback in the first—though in the case of Seccombe that setback was not significant. Total profits for the year, after tax and a transfer to the contingencies reserve increased from £359,000 to £473,000, and the directors recommend the maximum possible increase in the final dividend to bring the total for the year to 23.4p gross.

Seccombe reckons that margins, rather than capital profits, will be the name of the game from now on, and a similar line is adopted by Gerrard & National, whose chairman, Mr R. C. Gibbs, says in his annual report that the scope for further falls in interest rates now seems limited. At the April 5 balance-sheet date the the total book was up from 5761m to 5802m. The group has made a "most auspicious" start to the current year.

For Smith St Aubyn, 100, the start has been "excellent", though the group has within the part two weeks sold some the part two weeks sold some of its gilts, which are shown in the April 5 balance sheet at 550.8m, against 532.4m a year earlier. The average length of the group's book is "quite a bit longer than at this time last year", says Mr J. F. E. Smith, theirman.

Gulliver stake in Alpine glazing

James Gulliver Associates has acquired a 15 per cent stake in doubleglazing group, Alpine Holdings, and has an option to buy a further 14.97 per cent. The vendors, in equal proportions, are Mr A. Dayer, the current chairman of Alpine who will remain only as a non-executive director. Mr H. executive director, Mr H.
Singer, who has similarly relinquished all executive responsibilines and Mr Stoller who

will be appointed shortly.

Alpine shares were suspended on Monday at 261p and returned yesterday at 31p.

JGA's option to buy the 14.97 first half-year, Ayrshire Metal per cent stake is at 38.75p, or a 21.25 per cent discount on the middle market quotation at the time of the exercise, between May 1979 and November

W'ton Die

Shares of Wolverhampton Die Casting jumped 7p to 25p as the board disclosed that it had One-year bonds this week received a bid approach. The price tag is about £1.2m. No

Kincaid dips

quished all executive responsibilities and Mr Stoller who resigns as managing director but continues as executive director and chairman of Alpine Double Glazing.

Mr James Gulliver, the former chief of Fine Fare, the supermarket division of Associated British Foods, and latterly in control at Oriel Foods, will become non-executive Alpine chairman and acting chief executive. But it is intended that a full-time chief executive will fully reflect Kincaid's true worth. The ordinary capital is privately held.

Products reports pre-tax profits for the full year to December 31 up from 5392,000 to £701,000.

a record. Turnover rose from £8.61m to £9.68m. Shareholders benefit, with their total gross. dividend going up from 4.39p to 4.84p.

One year bonds this week

suitor was named, but the or £99 15/16 per cent. Last approach "might lead to an offer". Meanwhile, Leaderflush 9; per cent. Most borrowers (Holdings) where shareholding are raising £500.000 but Oxceem to be constantly changing fordshire has taken up £1m hands, the board says that indi-

W Runciman

A rise in second half profits from £1.25m to £1.33m, leaves the 1976 pre-tax total just 9 per cent down to £2.51m at Walter Runciman. At half time the fall at this shipping and freight agent was from £1.5m to £1.17m. Turnover rose from £30.2m to £33.6m for 1976. After adjust-ing for the rights issue, earnings a share are 15.3p against 20.3p, while the dividend is raised from 10.39p to 11.4p

Oxley Printing

Oxley Printing in its annual report, says it believes the good progress achieved in the last six months of 1976 will continue throughout 1977. Management accounts for the first quarter compare favourably with last year and a "very substantial increase" in profits is expected for the first half

Time Products

On turnover up from £18.7m to £24.03m, trading profits of Time Products rose from £1.9m offered with a discount of 1/16 or £99 15/16 per cent. Last week's coupon was at par at 91 per cent. Most borrowers are raising £500,000 but Oxfordshire has taken up £1m over three years. Other three

Triple stakes in new project bank

By Our Banking Corresponder A new bank backed by Ara investors, the Arab-Africa Bank and the Bank of Montrea has just been launched. 1 addition to normal commerci hanking services, the Intenational Resources & Finan Bank SA has been establishe to provide project finance as resource packaging in the Middle East and Africa, and : įzvestment portiolio manag ment service open to those wi \$250,000 plus to invest.

Bank of Montreal has a

per cent stake in the ne bank's parent company, Ar-International Trust SA Luxembourg, and Arab Afric Bank, in which several Midd Eastern and North Afric another 10 per cent. The r mainder of the subscrib-capital (\$20m, of which \$10 has been paid-up), is held groups and individuals in t Middle East, US and Canada. The new bank has its hes quarters and has opened branch in Luxenbourg and to an office in London; and it planning to obtain limited has ing status in order to open branch in London later in t



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INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Juquoted Fwd Technology everses into enlarged MPI

Ray Maughan
Forward Technology Induses, once a potential candidate
floration, has by-passed

estors' clear aversion to new ues by reversing into MPI, merly Music & Plastic Induses. The new group will price. oted company.

FIT has agreed to exchange whole of the capital for stares in MP1, putting estimated value of f5m on tall at the underwriting price

To make this acquisition, MPI ich is headed by Mr Ronald uck, is to increase its authorto d capital from film to f43m.

5p shares. This will be effective of 5p each and the entire apital will then be considered in the considered of 5p each and the entire capital will then be considered on the considered of 5p. idated into 8.6m 50p ordin-

7 t/ shares. ndustrial & Commercial ance Corporation, which with associated Estate Duties

investment Trust, holds 8.6 per-cent of FTI, will subscribe for 312,500 shares in the new company, and underwrite subscriptions offered by merchant bank Singer & Friedlander for 3 similar number at the same

price.

The enlarged company forecasts a dividend of 6.7p for the
year ending June 30, 1978,
which yields 12.9 per cent at
the underwriting price. Based
on notional profits of £1.28m
pre-tax for the current year,
the p/e would be 10.7.

The board, headed by MrGordon Allen, will hold 66 per
cent of the new equity capital.
Mr Allen and family trusts have
contracted to waive all divid-

contracted to waive all divid-ends before 1980, which would bring the dividend cover up from 1.1 times on full payment to 2.6 times. F11, based in the electronics

and electricals industries, generally has had a good track record since its formation in 1969.



Briefly

lyde Pet ids for

yon & Lyon
Coped 13p to 57p yesterday
The news of a 50p-a-share
Thom Clyde Petroleum.
On was told yesterday that
de had bought 650,000 ordry from Dr C. B. Phipps and
ociates and was beneficially
erested in 29.7 per cent of
capital. Mr Michael Lyon,
on's chairman, was told by
iger & Friedlander that Clyde
ended to make an offer of ended to make an offer of cash a share which

ues Lyon's ordinary capital £1.6m. Although the board I consider the offer when it made, the chairman believes a share is "totally inade-ate". Shareholders are aded to take no action. TICORN INDUSTRIES

hairman told annual meeting at higher level of activity in the oup for the most part has been intained. This should be lected in first-half results. N. NICHOLS

N. NICHOLS
in year to March 31, turnover
J. N. Nichols (Vimto) rose
of £3.21m to £4.4m and pre-tax
of its from £379,000 to
19,000. Total gross payment
ed from 10.76p to 16.94p and
e-for-one scrip issue proposed.

GOLDMAN GROUP furnover for 1976, f13.17m 1.07m), Pre-tax loss, f112,000 c/t of 5124,000). No dividend ainst 2.96p).

hoenix Mining & Finance anness that the acquisition of the ridwide Group has now been upleted in accordance with the us originally agreed.

TISH ROLLMAKERS
oard of British Rollmakers
mmends that shareholders
pt Johnson & Firth Brown's
7m all-share offer. JFB
ady has more than 50 per cent
Rollmakers. It has now been r authorization from the Euro-n Commission for the bid. r extended to Rollmaker's prence shareholders, with 43p for each 2.8 per cent and cash for the 3.85 per cent.

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re-tax profit, R76.42m 1.62m) for half to March 31 on s of R566.95m (R515.56m). rim payment held at 7c. Board cts little change in year's ings and an unchanged total

Solvay recovery shows quadrupling of profits

Consolidated net profit of Belgian group Solvay et Cie. Group almost quadrupled in 1976, shooting up to 4,889m francs from 1,227m, the Belgian chamical common profit of the solution of the s chemical company reports.
It proposes a net dividend of 200 france a share, up from 170

francs.
The company said the group saw a vigorous recovery during 1976 reaching a peak at the end of the first half. After this there were signs certain sectors, not-ably plastics, were running out

of steam.

Despite the strength of the bespite the strength of the Belgian franc against the cur-rencies of most of the countries where the group operates, turn-over in Belgian franc terms rose per cent to 87,850m francs. The group said consolidated profit is equivalent to a return of 6 per cent on capital invested, expressed in replacement value terms. On the industrial front the parent company factories in general enjoyed a significant improvement, although Belgian plants again showed a loss—Reuter.

Hutchison International

The chairman of Hutchison International a leading Far Eastern trading house states that the present year started with the company well poised to consolidate the gains already realized, and looks forward to the future with confidence.

Record for Squibb Squibb Corporation

America expects to post record 1977 sales and earnings, aided in part by expected sales of over \$200m (about £117.6m) from recently introduced health-care and confectionery products. Mr Richard M. Furlaud, chairincrease would be the ninth consecutive rise in the company's earnings. Squibb also expects to strengthen its position in the European pharmaceutical mar-ket with the introduction of its new drug, Corgard, which is at present in registration in West Germany and is expected to be available to 10 countries by the end of the year.

Comalco shelves plan

Comalco of Australia has decided to defer plans for participation in an alumina smelter in the Philippines for at least two years, a company spokes-man said. Comalco was the

International

leader of an international consortium which aimed to develop a \$A500m (about £312.5m) alumina plant in the Southern Philippines with several other international companies. The spokesman said a number of the companies due to partici-pate in the project are now planning to take part in other

Pioneer foresees cut

The Pioneer Electronic Corporation of Japan forecasts non-consolidated earnings for year-ending September 30 at 10,700m yen (about f21.4m) on sales of 171,700m yen. A company spokesman said that overall sales were expected to rise. moderately in the year, with continued active export sales offsetting flagging domestic

Landesbank recovery

The Hessische Landesbank girozentrale should make an operating profit of at least DM100m (about £23.8m) this year as well as show a gain on year as well as show a gain on its extraordinary earnings account; the bank's chief executive; Dr. Heinz Sippel, states, Peter Norman writes from Bona. He said that the bank, which by the end of last year had been obliged to write off the part of some DM3,000m on credits and investments made in the years up to the end of 1974, was now operating on a sounder basis.

Unilite merger plan

Unilite Electrical Industries a merger with Philips Malaysia SDN BHD and Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange mained to be resolved.

HAW PAR (LONDON)
Payment of dividend on convertible shares of Haw Par (London) for 1977 has been advanced from May 31, 1978, to May 31, 1977. Dividends for 1976 and 1977 will be paid together on May 31.

Chairman reports that services division will find 1977 a difficult

J Foster may sound note for textiles

By Our Financial Staff John Foster & Son, the only vertically integrated mohair group in the country, is going for a "significant improvement

February 25 next. li Foster can be seen as the weather-vane for the textile industry, it is a fair bet that the sector is already on the move. The group emerged from the rough conditions of 1975-76 with a pre-tax profit of £388,000 last year against £94,000. However, the board, headed by Mr J. F. B. Grant, is not expecting a full recovery to the 1973-74 peak of \$1.2m in the immediate

turore. · Eut confidence has returned and, almost inevitably, it stems from export markets. These and what Foster believes it sells for indirect export each account for about a third of total sales, up last year from £9.71m to £12.04m. Domestic activity, the board states, "remains difficult".

"remains difficult".

Mohair prices remain firm,
South African prices are returning to their November peaks
and are thought likely to
stabilize at least until the
autumn sales. In Turkey, where
the market is a least partly Government controlled, selling prices are also high and Foster expects that the forthcoming Turkish election will underpin

selling levels.

So, mebair, which accounts for about 50 per cent of output in a good year is enjoying good demand at "fair" prices. Since this product provides the added value and thus the high margin to Foster's ordinary cloth trade, profits should accelerate while this trend con-

tinues.
A first and final dividend of 2.50 gross per share, up from 1.25p, yields 8.6 per cent at yesterday's unchanged price of 29p. The board, however, has scope to lift the total from the 1973-74 peak of 5.1045p gross a

C E Heath's two-for-one scrip caps good year

By Tony May Soaring profits, the promised dividend boost and a two-forone scrip, all helped to push the shares of the C. E. Heath Group up 5p to 583p. At half time, when pre-tax profits of this insurance broking and underwriting group went up from £1.79m to £3.6m, the board said that it was expecting a "substantial increase" in pro-fits for the full year. Apart from new business, the devalua-tion of the proceed are belging tion of the pound was helping the results. The second half in fact brought in £7.6m against £4.6m

brought in £7.6m against £4.6m to leave the group's total for the year to March 31 up 76 per cent at £11.2m—easily a record. As was promised at the time of last year's rights issue, the group is hoisting its dividend up from 10.23p to 20p gross. A breakdown of profits shows that on the Eroking side income that on the Broking side income went up 48 per cent to £7.4m. This follows a rise from £7m to £8.6m in expenses which offset a jump from £10m to £15m in brokerage, and from £829.000 to £11m in income. £829,000 to £1.1m in invest-ment income. The board comments that the reduction from 70.6 per cent to 57.7 per cent in the expense ratio and the increased income reflect a substantial addition of new

usiness. On the underwriting side there was, as expected, no profit commission from the Lloyd's operations, compared with £330,000 a year ago. Insurance company profits rose from \$127,000 to £571,000, while fees and overriding commission reached £3.3m against £2.6m. reached £3.3m against £2.0m. Investment income and interest rose from £752,000 to £1.2m. After deducting expenses of £1.6m against £1.5m, profits from underwriting rose 52 per £2.5m.

Mr F. Holland, the group's chairman, says that there was continued growth in Australia, and that the underwriting results show for the first time profits arising from the new insurance companies.

Unicorn Industries

A Record Year

Turnover up 44% at £55m. Pre-tax profits up 98% at £5m. Earnings per share up 92% at 11.3p Assets per share up 34% at 107p Dividend up10%at4.86p

"Although there is still no evidence of a steady recovery in the economy, the higher level of activity within the Group during the second half of 1976 has for the most part been maintained, and this should be reflected in the results for the first half of 1977. Any further projection would be unwise in the light of recent forecasts that growth rates in the world's major markets are likely to be lower than previously expected."

> B. G. BALL-GREENE, Chairman, at the Annual General Meeting.



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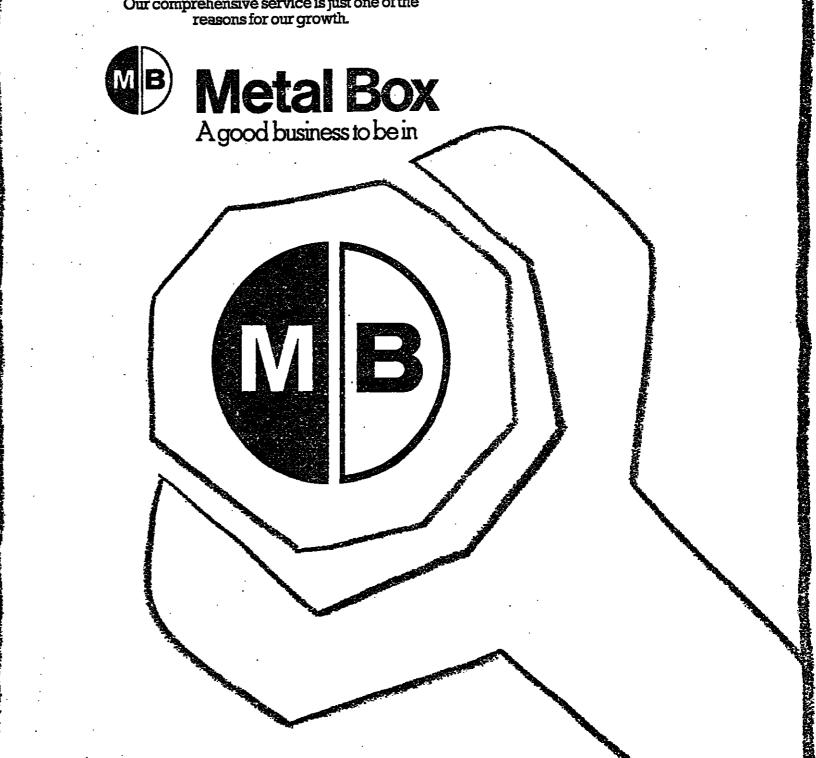
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COMMODITIES AND MARKET REPORTS

Sharp lift in coffee prices

Coffee futures rose sharply in London at the start of afternoon trading yesterday following confirmation of cold wind damage to some of North Parana's coffee trees by Senor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute, dealers said.

Active and at times hectic buy-ing lifted the July position up around £335 to a high of £3.585. compared with an overnight close of 13,252

In mid-afternoon the market was recessed for about an hour due to active trading. At the special, and final, call spot May advanced by £397.50 and July went £418 ahead. It was reported from Rio de Juneiro that leaves on some of the coffee trees in North Parana and pleady trated by the had already turned brown as a result of strong winds and low temperatures.

The main damage was done late

on Monday when the force of the wind, allied with the cold, attacked wind, allied with the cold, attacked leaf cells.

One estimate is that Parana could lose 15 to 20 per cent of its 1978-79 crop, which should have been four to five million 60-kilo bags.

Reports from North Parana indicate varying degrees of damage. Not all trees were affected, with many of those on north-facing slopes escaping.

Bank Base

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Of the damaged trees, generally the side facing the wind has some black, some brown and some green leaves. The other side of the tree black, some orown and some green leaves. The other side of the tree may be all green. Trees planted on the top of the hills appear worst affected, with the wind having passed over the top of some of the smaller trees and those on lower lying ground.

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Silver was quiet.—Bullion market
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three months,
291-292-9 Settlement, 278-278, 40;
three months,
291-292-9 Settlement, 278-278, 40;
three months, 291-292-9.
Sales, 40 lots (mainly carries). Four, spot. RS-35.

GRAIN (The Baille),—WHEAT.—

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13*, per cent: July. 281-75. Tilbury.

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London Grain Futures Market (Gaffa).

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78 lois. WHEAT was steady: May.
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months. 25-839-55 Sales, 990 tons
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55-775-80; three months. 5-80-55
Sales, in tons Morning.—Standard
Col. 36-5-70. Settlement, 25-795 Sales,
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pirel. Singapore in exewors, 5.51.400 plcul, LEAD: Cash was £6.50 down and three mouths fell £6.25—Afternoon,—Cash, £328.88.50 a metric lon; three months, £4.45.55, 50. Sales, 2.200 tons, Morning,—Cash, £502.595; three months, £583.80. Settlement, £593. Sales, 5.000 tons,

PLATINUM was at \$91.90 (\$158) a

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Geneva May 17—Peru has asked the second preparatory meeting on copper held by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) to convene a negoti-aring conference for an interating conference for an international copper agreement in the second half of next year.

delegate sources said. . The Peruvian request came at the start of the meeting attended by over 50 nations and called for the intergovernmental group of experts on copper to begin drawing up a draft copper agreement by the end of September this year.

This proposal was supported by delegations from several developing countries

At the formal opening Mr
Bernard Chidzero, Unctad
director of commodities, said that there was a strong need for a clear sense of direction in relation to copper before any further meaningful discus-sions could take place.

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Peru call on Hunt family lawyers file international motions against CFTC

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When the initial CFTC complaint was filed on April 28, the agency released a breakdown of Hunt family holdings in soyabean futures, based on documents traders are required to file with the agency and which are normally kept confidential. The Hunt request for an injunction is in line with charges made in a counterclaim they filed earlier.

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Recent Issues

Chicago, May 17.—Lawyers for the Hunt family have filed three motions in the federal district court against the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), including one challenging the concept of position limits.

The motions, a further development in hitigation between the CFTC and the Hunts over the family's soyabean holdings, will be heard tomorrow before Federal Judge Frank J. McGarr.

The first motion requests an capricious and has no foundation in economic necessity.

The second motion asks for a prekiminary injunction against the CFTC, its charusan. Mr William Bagley, and other unnamed CFTC employees enjoining them from further public disclosures of positions, trades, transactions or intentions of any of the Hunts regarding their positions in soyabeans or soyabean futures.

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The first motion requests an evidentiary hearing on the CFTC regulation that sets position limits. It formalizes claims made in defence of CFTC charges that seven members of charges that seven members of the Hunt family and a corporation they control traded soya-bean futures in concert and violated as an aggregate the

CFTC's three million bushel

limit.

The Hunt attorneys have charged that the rule setting position limits is arbitrary and certain documents.

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Foreign Exchange

It was another very quiet day on foreign exchanges yesterday with many of the leading dealers making their way to Montreux for the Forex conference at the end of the week. Sterling ended 2 points easter against the dollar at \$1.7189 while the effective exchange rate index staved at 61.7 for the third consecutive day.

Dealers said they thought the Bank of England may have given a little support initially when there was small commercial selling of sterling from Switzerland and Germany. Once this had been completed, the pound edged up agalu, though not on any business.

The dollar closed cheaper to most Continental currencies. German Marks rose from 2.3525 to 2.3580, Swiss francs firmed from 2.5525 to 2.3580. Swiss francs firmed from 4.9570 to 4.9525. The Dutch guilder strengthened from 2.4590 to 2.4550 Gold closed unchanged at \$147.875 an ounce in London.

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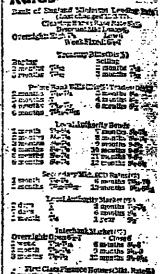
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Visit to Bolivia

La Paz, May 17.-Mr Pet Lai, executive chairman of the International The Council, at Mr P. A. Koening, the buffistock manager, have arrive here for a six-day visit. It aim is to gain personal knowledge of tin extraction difficu nes in Bolovia.

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Mr. C. D. Pike, O.B.E., M.A., LL.B., the Chairman, in his annual review, reported:

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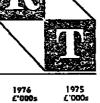
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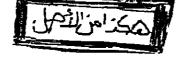


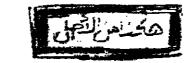
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Turnover	39,293	26,486
Profit before tax and exceptional provision	1,372	866
Exceptional provision	508	195
Profit after Tax	837	494
Earnings per share	8.5p	5.0p
Dividend per share	2.569p	2.336p

- Total turnover and profit before tax and exceptional provision increased in the year by 48% and 58% respectively.
- Dividend increased by maximum permitted to 2.569p and is
- The exceptional provision of £508,000 relates to two developments in France on which sales should be completed during the next
- Ouring 1977 the issued capital of Reed and Mallik Limited has been acquired and this will enable the Group to offer an even wider range

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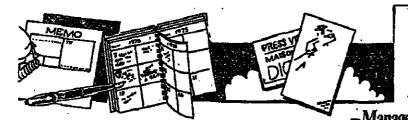
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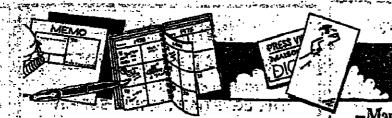
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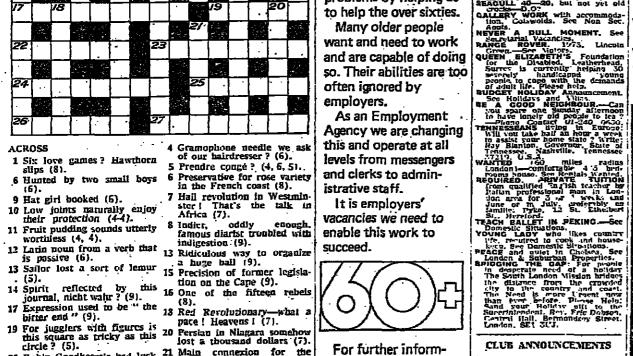
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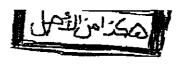
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